Chung Yuan Christian University Plastic Reduction Policy and Practices (Regulatory Draft)

To align with the Taiwan government's plastic reduction policy, Chung Yuan Christian University has established this Plastic Reduction Policy and Implementation Plan to reduce the use of single-use plastic products, minimize resource consumption, mitigate environmental pollution, and raise campus-wide awareness of sustainable plastic use.

The University actively supports and promotes the Ministry of Environment's Plastic Restriction Policy, gradually phasing out disposable plastic products. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's operational guidelines, all university-organized meetings and events are encouraged not to provide disposable tableware, bottled water, or single-use beverage cups. Instead, reusable or environmentally friendly alternatives are adopted.

The University also encourages departments to organize plastic reduction workshops and integrate environmental education into learning activities, helping students understand the environmental impact of plastics pollution and cultivate sustainable habits such as *"Bring Your Own, Reuse, and Reduce."*

These actions contribute directly to SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

I. Definition of "Single-Use Plastic Products": Single-use plastic products refer to food packaging, shopping bags, straws, beverage cups, PET bottles, cup lids, takeaway containers, disposable tableware, stirrers, sauce packets, and other plastic containers intended for one-time use.

II. Recommended Implementation Measures

Since 2023, CYCU has voluntarily supported the national plastic reduction initiative by requiring all departments to avoid using single-use plastic products during meetings, training sessions, and events, and instead adopt reusable or eco-friendly alternatives.

1. Meetings, Training, and Events

(1) Encourage participants to bring their own reusable cups and tableware.

(2) Provide rental services for reusable tableware and beverage cups to reduce disposable waste.

(3) Install water dispensers or provide large refillable water containers instead of offering bottled water or single-use cups.

(4) Avoid the use of paper cups or plastic stationery.

(5) Avoid the use of plastic lunch boxes.

(6) Prohibit the use of disposable chopsticks and plastic spoons.

(7) Ensure proper waste sorting and recycling after each event.

(8) Include messages such as *"Support plastic reduction—please bring your own reusable cup and tableware"* in all event notifications and meeting invitations.

2. Office Administration

(1) Encourage the use of reusable bags and containers.

(2) Prioritize the purchase of products with eco-friendly label certification.

(3) Encourage staff/ to bring their own toiletries when traveling for business.

(4) Avoid purchasing excessively packaged items and increase the reuse of packaging materials.

(5) Reduce the use of single-use plastics and increase reuse frequency.

(6) Promote plastic reduction campaigns to enhance environmental awareness.

(7) Include plastic reduction requirements in vendor contracts and venue rental agreements.

3. Campus Dining

(1) Encourage customers to bring reusable shopping bags and containers when purchasing food.

(2) Promote the purchase of minimally packaged or unpackaged goods to reduce packaging waste.

(3) Encourage the use of reusable bottles, containers, and tableware in all campus food outlets.

(4) Promote in-store dining to reduce takeout-related plastic waste.

(5) Encourage food vendors to offer discounts to customers who bring their own containers and to reduce plastic packaging in all sales activities.

4. Campus Food Court and Cafeteria Regulations

(1) Vendors may not provide free plastic shopping bags; the cost of plastic bags must be charged separately from the purchase price.

(2) Disposable tableware is prohibited for dine-in customers.

Implementation examples include:

(1) Stores display signage stating: *"Plastic bags are not provided free of charge; NT$1 per bag will be charged if needed."*

(2) Vendors are encouraged to provide paper bags or reusable shopping bags as alternatives.

(3) During COVID-19 pandemic, temporary permission for disposable paper tableware could be granted through the Office of Environmental Protection and Sanitation

Division.

(4) Posters promoting “No More Single-Use Plastic Straws” are displayed across food areas. Glass straws are provided for dine-in customers, while reusable cup lids are used for takeout beverages.

5. Student Dormitories and Campus Housing

(1) Encourage residents to bring their own toiletries and personal care products.

(2) Do not provide disposable or individually packaged amenities, including but not limited to:

- Liquid toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion)
- Personal hygiene item(combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving foam, shower caps)
- Disposable slippers