

# Top 20 Tips For Sustainable Development

*Think Globally – Act Locally*

## My Economy

1. Think Sustainable: buy sustainable and green products. The more we do – the cheaper they become. Better yet reduce waste by consuming less. Green need not mean more, often it is cheaper!
2. Probably the biggest economic choice you will make in your life is the home you (hopefully) buy. Look for the **HK-BEAM** Certificate. Ask the developer about environmental features, Did they use materials from renewable sources? Does it use solar shading?
3. Check the efficiency of all electrical products before buying. Air conditioning - High SEER rating means lower energy consumption. Choose Energystar rated products
4. Look into Corporate Sustainability for your company or join the **SD Committee**
5. Put your retirement funds and investments into a SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) Fund...Check out ASRIA at [www.asria.org](http://www.asria.org)

## My Environment

6. Recycle everything - from the paper in your office (use both sides), aluminium cans to donating old clothes - uses less water and electricity.
7. Plastic bags: Just say NO - take your own reusable bags whenever possible.
8. Visit the Environmental Resource Centres set up by the Environmental Protection Department in Wanchai, Tsuen Wan and Fanling or [www.epd.gov.hk](http://www.epd.gov.hk)
9. Join a green group. There are many, each with a different focus. Better yet, get active and help increase awareness on environmental issues...or join the SD committee
10. Hong Kong homes are super clean - The city is a sewer. Treat the whole of Hong Kong as your home. Don't litter.
11. Read newspapers online or at least don't take a plastic bag for your paper.
12. Don't accept disposable chopsticks, use your own - Choose products with less packaging.
13. Let a green group organise a beach cleanup or tree planting for your company.
14. Take the MTR. It creates less pollution per journey than a car or taxi - even better walk.

## My Society

15. Treat the planet as if you were going to stay...
16. Buy your coffee, fruit, newspaper at a corner shop – avoid remote global mega-chain stores, otherwise those local conveniences will not be here for much longer.
17. Support your local community. Go to the gallery or watch a play. Get involved with local decision-making.
18. Promote your local cultural values - share them with others.
19. Treat all people from other countries and ethnic backgrounds with respect - there is only one human race.
20. Smile more – go on – it's easy...

