

GREEN MEASURES

The Embassy developed an Energy Saving Plan as a guideline for the implementation of the Green Embassy Initiative. Based on this, the embassy has implemented numerous measures in order to live up to its commitments.

- **Code of Conduct:** The Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines for sustainable staff behaviour that hangs all over the embassy. It reminds people to turn off the light and computer screen when they leave the office, turn off the AC or heaters when not necessary, print on both sides of the paper, etc. You can download it from the Green Embassy page.
- **Energy saving mode:** All printers, computers, screens, etc. are on energy saving mode.
- **Reduction of bulbs:** Fluorescents/bulbs have been taken out of ceiling lamps in areas where lamps are not necessary. Sometimes, only one fluorescent ceiling lamp is enough to provide sufficient amount of light. This measure has reduced the number of bulbs by almost 50% and cut electricity consumption significantly.
- **LED bulbs:** All bulbs at the embassy have been replaced with LED bulbs. It reduces the electricity consumption from light by approximately 30 %. Moreover, LED bulbs last 50 times longer than normal bulbs.
- **Multi adapters with a switch off button:** All electronic equipment in the office are connected to a multi adapter that is switched off when people leave the office in the evening. It has reduced the consumption of standby power significantly.
- **New windows:** The majority of the windows at the Embassy have been replaced with double glazed windows to reduce the use of AC.
- **Environmental friendly paper for printers**
- **Perlators:** Perlators are mounted on all taps. A perlator mixes water with air and reduces the water consumption by approximately 25%.
- **Korea ECO Label:** To the extent possible, all cleaning products purchased are labelled with the Korea ECO Label that guarantees that the products are environmental friendly.
- **Separation of garbage:** This is not a measure that the embassy has initiated. All garbage from the embassy is separated by the management of the building in order to secure the most environmental friendly destruction and recycling.
- **Insulation of Embassy walls:** The walls of the Embassy have been upgraded to ensure higher insulation, which can cut costs for heating in the colder seasons.

As of October 2011, the Embassy is now focusing not only on energy reductions, but also on sustainability. Therefore we have had **low energy consuming hand dryers** installed in the bathrooms to save the paper towels.