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How YOU can make a difference to the FCO's environmental footprint the easy way.



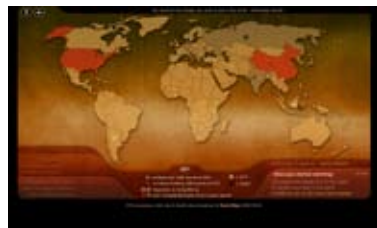
Post PM David Cameron's visit to China (see more below).

GTB'10



UCCA are hosting an amazing series of green workshops and art installations this weekend as part of their NGO Series. For info, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2azzhxs>

CO₂ ONLINE



Breathing Earth is a visual, real-time simulation that displays the carbon dioxide emissions, birth rates, and death rates of every country in the world: www.breathingearth.net

NE ASIA POSTS

As RGM for NE Asia, part of my job is to keep up-to-date with greening at all Posts that fall under the (NE Asia) region: Beijing, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Here are (some of) the best bits (so far)...



JAPAN

"The British Embassy in Tokyo has surpassed all expectations by reducing its carbon footprint by a whopping 11%. Huge cuts in petrol consumption (25%), water usage (20%), gas usage (21%), and electricity usage (10%) have led the way in cutting our utility bills by 27% (compared to last year), resulting in a saving of over 17 million yen. To think that there were worries of achieving a 5% target!" Thanks to [Hisayo Aoki](#).

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SEOUL

"We signed up to 10:10 in June, but aim to reduce our carbon emissions by 3% in the next 12 months. This is because, over the last 2 years, we already put most major initiatives into place e.g. installing motion sensor lights, using LED lighting, replacing 2 vehicles with hybrid cars etc, earning a Greening the Embassy Award for these efforts. We are now on track to achieve this year's aim." Thanks to [Ohkeum Lee](#).

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HONG KONG MODEL



"Aren't we busy greeners in HK? We are about 80% building efficient, a target that we could not have managed without the help of our FM contractor, ISS Eastpoint. Sustainability is key to their work with us in HK, highlighted by the Green Mark Award we were recently presented with. Alison McEwen, our Green Team Chair, has given 2 interviews to the local press about this, and both were well received locally. The Green Mark Award is well known in HK, therefore, the work of Management/Green Team can be extended to other opportunities i.e. Climate Change/UKTI sections working together." Thanks to [John Green](#).

Read more about the Green Mark Award: <https://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/About+the+FCO/Posts/Post+sections/HongKong/Committees/GreenTeam/GreenMarkAward.htm>

TAIWAN C-NEUTRAL



above: UK in Taiwan has become the first government-sector office in the world to be certified as carbon neutral under BSI: <http://ukintaiwan.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/working-with-taiwan/climate-change/btco-carbon-netural/>

GREEN GALLERY



above: HK Green Team raising awareness for 10:10:10, and beach cleaning.



above: Colleagues in Japan celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of its Green Team: <https://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/About+the+FCO/Posts/Post+sections/Tokyo/GreenTeam.htm>

MORE ON TAIWAN

Taipei are planning a no meat day, as well as a day where colleagues only use public transport, bikes or walk to work. This will, hopefully, attract the support of the entire office. Taiwan has an organisation similar to 10:10, and we will be working with them (as well as 10:10) to raise awareness.

In the office, we have installed grouped lighting, motion controlled lighting and adjusted AC settings. We have also installed a central AC panel, which can be switched off by the last person to leave the office. This ensures that AC across the whole compound is turned off overnight." Thanks to [Catriona Souter](#).

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PLASTIC FLEECE



The fleeces that John Neale and Andy Moore have been sporting lately - the Timberland Pro 315 Workwear Polar Fleece - is actually an 'eco-conscious' product. Timberland PRO uses 21 55 cl plastic bottles (including bottle caps) to make 1 recycled polyester polar fleece (stats for size M).

John and Andy have been integral to greening, and will soon be standardising energy efficient lightbulbs in staff accommodation. They have also supplied the office with more plants, purchased more timers for our electronic devices (including those at the Kerry Centre), and are assisting in a very exciting venture (that I will refrain from revealing just yet). Thanks for all your hard work guys!



CHONGQING

Chongqing have been grabbing local media attention with their greening work. Some of the measures they have completed include reducing the number of general bins to encourage paper and plastic recycling, and offsetting transport emissions for all attendees of the 'Low Carbon for Business' conference (held earlier this year). Visa/Consular sections have also adjusted their processes to eschew the use of paper envelopes in dealing with accounts, leading to a saving of approximately 500 paper envelopes per year." Thanks to [Bryn James](#).



above: Gary, John and Andy on a visit to a zero energy building in Singapore.

YOUNG CHAMPIONS



After Lei Chen's presentation at the British Embassy in Beijing during 10:10:10 Week, the Green Group invited Roots & Shoots China students to discuss 10:10 China with PM David Cameron. Due to various reasons, we were unable to formally publicise the 10:10 aspect, but the students met and spoke to the PM about what they are doing to cut their carbon emissions, and what they hope to achieve: <http://ukinchina.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=PressR&id=33792682>

10:10 CHINA LAUNCH



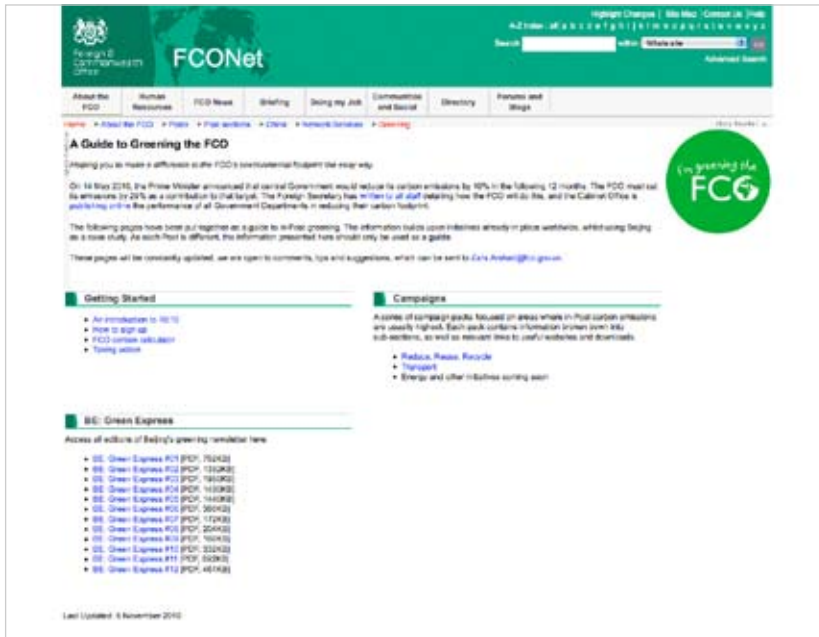
Roots & Shoots China launched a local chapter of 10:10 – 10:10 China – at Yucai Middle School in an effort to increase their outreach and to make greening resources more accessible to the local community. Deputy Head of Mission, Chris Wood, was invited as a VIP guest to speak about the background to 10:10, as well as some of the initiatives implemented by the British Embassy in Beijing. Read the full story: <http://ukinchina.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=PressR&id=23133505>

GREEN GALLERY



above: Roots & Shoots China organisers, teachers and students at the Juyongguan section of The Great Wall preparing to meet the PM, and photos from the 10:10 China launch hosted by Yucai Middle School in Beijing. 10:10 China was officially launched by Chris Wood in early November.

A GUIDE TO GREENING



"One significant greening issue that we have addressed recently has been transport. We revised our transport policy earlier this year, asking staff to use public transport for trips within Guangzhou where it is practical for them to do so, rather than using an office car. We also revised our policy on airport runs, again making the use of public transport standard. We use trains extensively for official travel, though this is primarily for trips to Shenzhen. Following the opening of the high speed rail link between Guangzhou and Wuhan, we have made the train our standard way to travel to Changsha – a frequent destination for official trips." Thanks to [Neill James](#).

For the past few weeks, I have been working on "A Guide to Greening the FCO" for our new Intranet pages. The first few sections were uploaded by Chris Webster a couple of weeks ago and much more content will be added soon: <http://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/About+the+FCO/Posts/Post+sections/China/Network+Services/Greening/>

WORKSHOP

I have collaborated with Learning & Development to organise a WebEx workshop hosted by Chris Webster/Ben Hook. Details will be released via e-mail, but we look forward to seeing you there!

CARBON FOOTPRINTS

What's the carbon footprint of...a cup of tea or coffee?

- 21g CO₂e: black tea or coffee, boiling only the water you need
- 53g CO₂e: white tea or coffee, boiling only the water you need
- 71g CO₂e: white tea or coffee, boiling double the water you need
- 235g CO₂e: a large cup of cappuccino
- 340g CO₂e: a large latte

What's the carbon footprint of...cycling a mile?

- Cycling is usually a low-carbon way to travel – but it depends on what you eat:
- 65g CO₂e: powered by (pb) bananas
- 90g CO₂e: pb cereal with milk
- 200g CO₂e: pb bacon
- 260g CO₂e: pb cheeseburgers
- 2800g CO₂e: pb air-freighted asparagus

MOVIE FEST



Beijing International Movie Festival is screening 3 green films this weekend, including "Lost on a Reef," "Volcanoes of the Deep Sea" and "China's Threatened Waters." Visit the following website for details: <http://www.beijingfilmfest.org>

TOGETHERNESS