

BE: GREEN EXPRESS 18

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

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



A full house at our Climate Week Pecha Kucha!

RECYCLE & SAVE



Recycle & Save now supply more of the ink cartridges we need; we are now working in closer collaboration to remanufacture and recycle most of our empty ink cartridges. Read more at: www.recycleusave.com

GREENNOVATE



Greennovate was born from a simple want: to combine business and social potential to do something meaningful in China. This evolved into a social business constantly pushing barriers; integrating sustainable concepts into traditional business and community practices. More: www.greennovate.net



RESULTS ISSUE

On 8 February 2010, the FCO signed up its UK operations to the voluntary 10:10 commitments to cut carbon emissions by 10% in 2010 from flights, road vehicles, grid electricity and fossil fuels. How did we do? **-19%**

Total emissions from UK flights, road vehicles, electricity and fossil fuels dropped from 71,497 tonnes of CO₂ in 2009, to 57,874 tonnes of CO₂ in 2010 – a cut of 19%. That means that the FCO's UK operations were responsible for emitting 13,623 tonnes of CO₂ less into the atmosphere in 2010. Find out how we met the target in Beijing on page 3.

<http://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/Doing+my+Job/Good+Practice/Environmental+issues/1010Homepage.htm>



Smarter Than Cars promote bike life in Beijing: <http://www.stcby.com>

IT DONATION TO CMC

Last month, our IT department (Chris Webster, Ben Hook and Alberto Lorenzo) donated old IT equipment to Compassion for Migrant Children (CMC).



We were able to pass on all our old UBS Firecrest computers (200+), monitors, printers and scanners from both the Main Building and the Kerry Centre. The old kit is now running on Linux, a free, open-source operating system. The above pictures show 2 of 3 labs that have been set up using former Embassy computers.

Additionally, we have been told that a community center and 3 more labs are planned for the rest of the batch. **Regarding donations, the British Embassy is by far the main contributor, but another British company (englishtrackers.com) has been contributing hardware also.** Great work guys!

Learn how to make your IT equipment use less energy (both in the work place and at home) with these top tips:

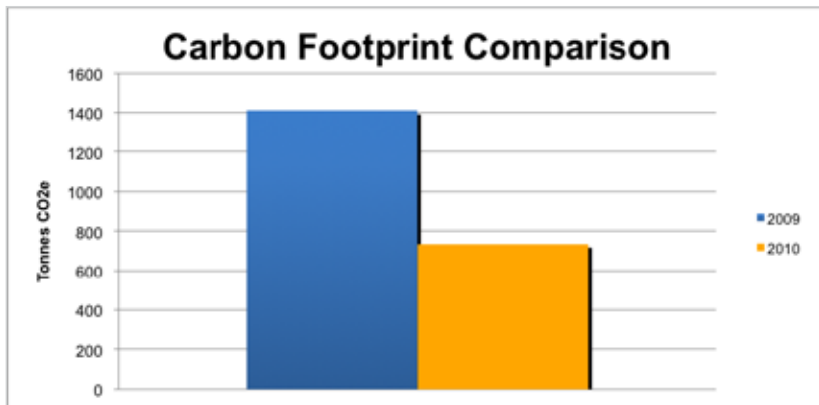
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GREEN GALLERY



A PIECE OF CO₂ PIE IN REVIEW

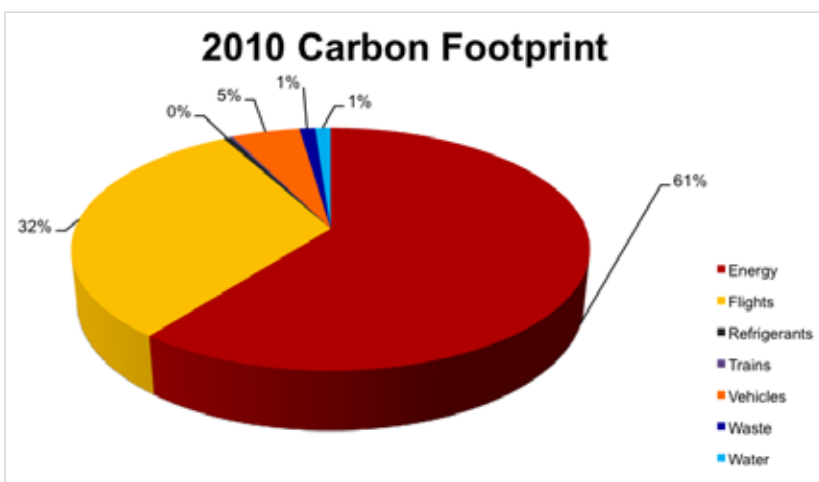
Last year, we signed up to the 10:10 campaign in a pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 10% before May 2011. Today, we are proud to announce that we have surpassed this target by achieving a 48% reduction!



After determining our baseline carbon footprint (2009) via the FCO carbon calculator, a series of mini campaigns were put into place during our action year (2010). These were focused on the main areas of waste, transport, water and energy. The overall impact of these campaigns have led to the following savings:

- A 46.92% reduction in waste output
- A 34.17% reduction in vehicle emissions
- A 68.09% reduction in air travel emissions
- A 15.34% reduction in energy emissions

Trends across 2009 and 2010 carbon footprint results remain constant, with highest emissions occurring for energy and flights. These will be the areas of focus for 2011.



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2009 FOOTPRINT

Refer to BE: Green Express #4 for our 2009 carbon footprint figures.

PECHA KUCHA



To celebrate our achievements, and to raise further awareness about wider climate change issues in China, a Climate Week Pecha Kucha was organised on 25 March with Greenpeace China, Roots & Shoots Beijing and Greening the Beige/51 Sim. Each organisation was allocated 7 minutes to present how and what they are doing to address sustainability issues in China. Despite the strict time limit, each presentation managed to inform, engage and inspire! http://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/About+the+FCO/Posts/Post+sections/China/News/Climateweek_page.htm



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