



In the face of challenges such as extreme climate event-triggered environmental threats, rising geopolitical risks, and international conflicts that are verging on catastrophe, the United Nations has called on countries worldwide to renew their pursuit of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which serve as a guide for countries to integrate environmental, social, and economic aspects of sustainability into their development process to achieve holistic prosperity. In particular, in the past few years, the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine War have seriously impacted global supply chains and economic development. The question of how to improve our resilience so we are prepared to tackle and overcome the future challenges associated with these uncertain times is one the world must be asking right now.

As a leading university in Taiwan, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), formed by a merger in February 2021, must continue the legacy of the two elite universities it embodies. To that end, it shall address global sustainable development issues by exerting social influence and devoting its teaching, research and development, and resources to promote sustainable development.

The university (in its two previous forms) has long supported the SDGs' achievement through academic research, social engagement, education and talent cultivation, and campus sustainability initiatives. With the latter, in addition to implementing changes and practices to create a more sustainable campus, NYCU has also enhanced its faculty and students' awareness of the importance of pursuing the SDGs. Accordingly, this year, research teams from NYCU won four Sustainability Action Awards (see Note below) at the 2022 Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Awards (APSAAs) and Taiwan Sustainability Action Awards (TSAAs) organized by the Taiwan Academy of Corporate Sustainability. This showcases our capabilities and determination to cultivate local communities and care for society through sustainable development actions.

The world is changing rapidly and the higher education environment is facing increasing challenges. Moreover, the early stages of our university merger brought considerable instability and identity issues. Yet, we have now affirmed that with an emphasis on the humanities, healthcare, and technologies, NYCU will commit to fulfilling its social responsibility. At the core of this, NYCU will see people as the foundation of success, build a strong scientific basis for developments, find practical applications for technology, and collaborate with the industry. "Act Together to Reach the Peak and Invent the Future" has become our motto, and with those goals in mind, NYCU will collaborate with its partners in the industry, government, and academia and commit to building a more sustainable future.

Note. With SDG 11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" as its focus, the Making of Hsinchu Living Museum for Social Inclusion and Common Good won the Gold Award at the TSAAs and the Bronze Award at the APSAAs. With SDG 3 "Good Health and Wellbeing" as its focus, the Tribal Star Incubation Knowledge Construction on the Ground won the Silver Award at the TSAAs and the Bronze Award at the APSAAs.

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