#### Indoor Air Quality Control for Offices and Facilities

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#### Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places



### IAQ Parameters

- Physical
  - Air Temperature
  - Relative Humidity
  - Air Movement
- Biological
  - Airborne Bacteria

#### • Chemical

- CO2 (Carbon dioxide)
- **CO** (Carbon monoxide)
- **RPS** (respirable suspended particulates)

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- **TVOC** (total volatile organic compounds)
- NO2 (nitrogen dioxide)
- **O3** (ozone)
- HCHO (formaldehyde)
- Rn (radon)



- \* Air temperature, Relative humidity, Air movement
  - \* Thermal comfort parameters
  - \* Poor thermal comfort is caused by
    - Improper air-conditioning set-points
    - \* Ineffective supply air distribution
    - $\searrow$  may cause thermally discomfort



#### OFFICE TEMPERATURE WARS

The argument happens in every office: some feel the heat, while others shiver. Find out the real impact when offices run hot and cold.



- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - \* High CO<sub>2</sub> is caused by
    - \* Inadequate fresh air supply
    - Overcrowding
    - \* Improper ventilation





- \* Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
  - from building materials, adhesives (such as paint, air fresheners, deodorants, sprays)



- Formaldehyde (HCHO)
  - from adhesive (used in pressed wood products), coating materials, incense burning



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South China Morning Post

#### Professor accuses HKU of secrecy over formaldehyde threat on new campus

University withholding facts about formaldehyde hazard from furniture on new campus, professor says

Olga Wong olga.wong@scmp.com Friday, 17 August, 2012, 4:00am

- Respirable Suspended
  Particulates (RSP)
  - from dusty outdoor, tobacco smoking, clothes fibres





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#### \* Radon (Rn)

- from mineral materials (such as marble)
- \* High Rn is caused by
  - \* Improper ventilation
  - → risk of suffering from lung cancer





- \* Carbon Monoxide (CO)
  - from diesel engine exhaust, burning stove
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)
  - from diesel engine exhaust, burning stove





#### \* Ozone (O3)

 from equipment utilizing UV light or ionization of air (such as photocopiers, laser printers)



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#### \* Airborne Bacteria

- \* High airborne bacteria is caused by
  - Inadequate ventilation
  - \* Poor particulates filtering





#### New IAQ Parameters

\*\* to be included in 2019 \*\*

- Mould Inspection
- VOCs
  - Benzene 苯
  - Trichloroethylene 三氯乙烯
  - Tetrachloroethylene 四氯乙烯
  - Naphthalene 萘
  - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) 硝基多环芳香烃



#### \* Mould

- \* Mould grows in humid condition
  - \* Control indoor RH
  - \* Minimize condensation
  - \* Specific cleaning/removal process





#### \* Benzene

- A genotoxic carcinogen in humans which lead to myeloid leukaemia
- Indoor sources: building materials, furniture, cooking systems and stored solvents
- \* Outdoor sources: heavy traffic, petrol stations





#### \* Trichloroethylene

- \* A volatile, colourless liquid with a sweet ethereal (chloroform-like) smell
- \* A widely used industrial solvent
- \* Inhalation is the main route of exposure





#### \* Tetrachloroethylene

- Sources: dry cleaning facilities elevate concentrations of PCE
- Dry-cleaned clothes are also possible indoor sources of PCE





- \* Naphthalene
  - Sources: off-gases from deodorizer, repellent and fumigant



- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
  - \* Potent carcinogens
  - Sources: traffic emissions, smoking, cooking, domestic heating with fuel stoves and open fireplaces, as well as from incense and candle emissions





- \* Improvement of IAQ
  - \* Air-conditioning system design
  - \* Operation & Maintenance
  - \* Remedy measures



- \* Air-conditioning system design
  - \* for sufficient cooling capacity
  - for adjustable and controllable setpoints
  - for evenly supply air distribution in zone



#### \* Operation & Maintenance

- system normal operation
- operation under design condition
  - Thermal comfort set-points
  - \* Fresh air intake rate
  - \* Exhaust rate



#### \* Remedy measures

- Removal of known indoor pollutant sources
- Additional ventilation for indoor sources which cannot be moved
- Installation of air cleaners / purifiers / filters
- \* Cleaning of ductwork system





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- □ 舉辦定期聽證會
- □ 推動標準化工作
- □ 舉辦展覽會 及技術論壇
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- □提升室內環境品質的意識
- □ 訓練專業人才
- □ 提供研究及實務解決方案
- □建立自主管理及認證制度
- □ 推動技術交流與研討合作













- \* 三地輪流舉辦技術研討會(2018:上海; 2019:香港)
- \* 共同制定技術規範和標準, 推動質量提升
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