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Promotion of Green Practice in PMH - Green Inspection Round of PMH

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Introduction

Several green initiative programs such as Green Ambassador (GA) Scheme and the use of Green Inspection Checklist were introduced in the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) in 2012. 140 GAs from various workplaces were elected in the GA scheme and the role of GAs was mainly to promote green practice at each workplace. In order to encourage involvement of GA in promoting green culture in the hospital and to enhance the effectiveness on the use of green inspection checklist, Green inspection round was first launched in PMH in February 2015.

Objectives

1. Enhance staff engagement in promoting green in the workplace 2. Sharing of green practices in the workplace

Methodology

An inspection schedule was set to conduct green inspection for all workplaces in the hospital. In each inspection, 5-6 workplaces were inspected by the inspection team according to a standard checklist. The checklist was previously used for self-evaluation on the effectiveness of environmental protection and it was modified as a standard checklist for green inspection. Inspection teams which comprised of 1 Green Management Committee (GMC) member, 1 secretary of GMC and 4-5 GAs of respective workplaces would conduct Green Inspections on a monthly basis. During Green Inspection Rounds, GMC members would lead the inspection and respective GA would introduce and share the green initiatives of his/her workplace at the site. GMC members and GAs of other workplaces would give opinions and provide recommendations to the inspected workplaces according to their observations. Inspection reports consist of the sharing points and recommendations would be compiled and sent to GAs to take reference for future improvements.

Result

Green Inspection Rounds have been implemented in PMH for almost one year; Over 60 workplaces were inspected during the period. The Green Inspection Rounds not only provide a platform for GAs to share the green initiatives of their own but also create opportunities of learning some good green practices from the others. Also, the program has successfully engaged GAs to actively participate in green promotions

activities, as well as enhancing their environmental awareness and strengthening their monitoring role on green issues/areas in their departments. As an extension part of the program, to recognize the efforts made by the workplaces on green management, a Green Workplace Campaign was organized for the Green Inspection Rounds. The performance of workplaces was evaluated in the Campaign based the following criterions: (1) The numbers of green measures implemented, (2) the effectiveness & creativeness of the green measures, (3) the level of staff participation. The best performed workplace was presented with an environmental friendly gift as an encouragement. In addition, the sharing points of the awarded workplaces were displayed on exhibition boards during the Green Weeks to acknowledge their contributions. With the successful implementation of the Green Inspection Round, it is believed that a sustainable green culture has been created in PMH.