

Environmental and Energy Policy of Chiba University

Since the Industrial Revolution, we, humankind, have developed our activities with abundant energy resources. As a result, we are now faced with various environmental problems, such as global warming, pollution by chemical substances and loss of biodiversity of living things. The environment, which is the ground of our subsistence, is just threatened by environmental loads produced by human activities. By the nuclear power plant accident in Fukushima, there is an urgent need to ensure safe and sustainable energy sources. We should mobilize our wisdom, and should think what to do against this situation.

Chiba University has a duty to contribute to forming, accumulating and practicing this wisdom as a comprehensive institution of education and research in a broad field of natural and social sciences. To this end we will take the following actions:

1. Accumulating the wisdom of natural and social sciences, we advance practice of environmental education and research, taking advantage of the characteristics as a university in cooperation with the attached schools.
2. We promote energy and resource saving measures, cycling use of resources and buying goods considering the environment, and protect vegetation in our campus. We also manage the safety use of chemical substances to prevent pollution. Through these activities we realize a lush campus with a light environmental load. Above all we understand and comply with legal requirements about the environment and the energy which Chiba University agrees with.
3. The environmental and energy management system is constructed and operated by the students as main constituents. We also encourage voluntary activities by the students, aiming at a campus where a variety of environmental programs are put into practice.
4. We practice our environmental and energy management system open to the local community with reflection of their opinions.
5. We will keep the energy efficiency at the top level among national universities and improve it continuously. We also support designing products and drafts of service and facility which lead to improvement in energy performance.

Standing on this policy, we establish the targets, take actions to realize them, and think better of the environmental management system by auditing the actions for continuous improvement of the system.

This environmental policy is documented and communicated to the people concerned, including the faculty, staff and students of Chiba University and related business people who are usually stationed there, and released to the public in a document and on website.

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