



Scope and Objective

Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) has been commissioned by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (hereinafter called “HA”) to conduct an independent verification of its Sustainability Report 2012/13 (herein referred to as “the Report”). The Report stated HA’s sustainability performance and efforts towards sustainable development for the period from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013.

The aim of this verification was to provide assurance on the completeness and accuracy of the information stated in the Report. The Report’s coverage of the standard disclosures defined in the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Guidelines Version 3.1 (G3.1) was also assessed to confirm if the A+ application level was achieved.

Methodology

The process used in this verification was based on current best practices. The Report was reviewed against the following criteria:

- The principles of completeness, accuracy, neutrality, comparability and responsiveness, as set out in the Institute of Social and Ethical AccountAbility standard AA1000;
- The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) G3.1 Guidelines

The verification procedure included reviewing relevant documentation, interviewing responsible personnel with accountability for preparing the Report and verifying the selected representative sample of data and information consolidated in the Report. Raw data and supporting evidence of the selected samples were thoroughly examined.

Conclusion

Based on the outcome of the verification process, it is opined that the Report fulfills the A+ application level of the GRI G3.1 Guidelines.

The information presented in the Report provided a structured, balanced and consistent representation of HA's sustainability performance in the context of sustainable development. We are satisfied that the Report, including factual statements and the data contained within the Report, is accurate and reliable. It is a fair and honest representation of HA's initiatives, targets, progress and performance on its sustainable development achievements.

Signed on behalf of Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jorine Tam', is positioned above the printed name.

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