

Key Findings of HKSDI Survey

Respondents' Perceived Importance of Sustainable Development Priorities

- The education system (score of 8.3) was ranked the most important issue contributing to the sustainable development of Hong Kong, having topped the list in the previous four years.
- Environmental protection (8.3), shared top spot on Hong Kong's sustainable development index in 2007/8 for the first time, tied alongside the education system.
- Health & hygiene (8.2) was ranked third, behind only the education system and environmental protection.
- Healthy economy (8.0) ranked fourth among the top ten priorities.

Respondents' Satisfaction with Performance of Sustainable Development Priorities

- This year's respondents were most satisfied with health & hygiene (6.3).
- Civil liberties & human rights (5.9) and a healthy economy (5.9) both ranked second in terms of satisfaction with performance.
- The lowest satisfaction levels were recorded for population policy (5.4) and environmental protection (5.5).

Areas for Improvement

The satisfaction gap – the difference between respondents' perceived importance and the level of satisfaction with actual performance of the priorities - shows areas where improvement is most needed.

- With a gap of 2.8, environmental protection showed the largest scope for improvement.

- Among environmental protection issues, clean air is still the number one concern for Hong Kong people, being mentioned by more than 50% of respondents. Responsible waste management and natural habitat are also high on the environmental agenda. There is also increased concern in Hong Kong about global warming.
- The education system, with a gap of 2.6, is the second priority where improvement is most needed.
- A healthy economy, caring & ethical employers and population policy tied on 2.2.
- The satisfaction gap recorded for civil liberties and human rights was just 1.3.