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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

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RE: National Tsing Hua University STARS submission

To Whom It May Concern,

It is our primary concern as a university to achieve the sustainability of human society. Our mission is to cultivate talents for future generations. The purpose of education is to sustain generational culture and create a meaningful life. Thus, a university needs to be an active problem-solver for the world and sustains generations despite different disciplines and departments in the university. The university governance aims to realize sustainability. For example, the investment of sustainability fund has been selecting the investment targets on enterprises with sustainable and stable operations that also fulfil social responsibility; the realizations of campus sustainable development plans, such as biological diversity of the campus, responsible food and beverage service, green procurement, energy-saving, carbon reduction, and recycling; Also, let the export of our academic power, such as research, teaching, industry-academia cooperation, and social connection, concentrate on realizing 17 SDGs of the United Nation. We have identified knowledge across different disciplines and started integrating humanity and technology via interdisciplinary research and teaching activities. We aim to bring students' learning and self-fulfillment to engage the pursuit of SDGs together, which is also the fulfillment of our motto, "Self Discipline and Social Commitment". We have marched for crossdisciplinary collaboration within the university, and now let's move forward together to realize the SDGs. The publication of the NTHU SDGs Report shares all perspectives in sustainable development results and processes in NTHU.

NTHU is proud of its comprehensive approach to sustainability. We have adopted the following strategies and practices in promoting sustainability in NTHU.

1. We adopt the sustainability management cycle: awareness, alignment, execution, and evaluation to engage all stakeholders to recognize the importance of sustainability, to align resources corresponding to the SDGs, to conduct effective actions to achieve the SDGs, and then to review the progress and set the next milestones in sustainability and move forward.
2. We formed the sustainability committee at the university level. A senior vice president serves as the university Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) to lead the committee formed by the faculty and staffs from top-tier administration offices and colleges. The committee takes charge of the sustainability policy recommendation, review the practice of sustainability, and publish the sustainability annual report for the university.
3. We set up sustainability execution office led by the CSO to organize and coordinate the practices of sustainability across the university mainly in research, teaching, community services, and campus sustainability.

NTHU has been committing on sustainability in education, research, social engagement, operations and recognized by Taiwan's society. For example, NTHU has been awarded the sustainability university model of 2021 by the Taiwan Corporate Sustainability Award. This award comprehensively measured the achievement of sustainability of a university, and we presented our achievements following STARS categories. To be able to communicate with high education institutes in the world in achieving SDGs, NTHU submitted this STARS report to set the benchmark for us to move forward in future.

Thanks for reviewing our report, and look forward to receiving your recognition on our effort and achievement.

Sincerely

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