**VARIETIES ACT ON UNIVERSAL GOALS**

**SUNWAY UNIVERSITY**

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Sustainability is key in Sunway University's social and educational mission, with the university aiming to shape students into individuals who are socially and environmentally aware. To this end, the university has introduced various initiatives that encourage students to be more environmentally-conscious and socially responsible.

**Campus Committee**

The campus committee serves to implement sustainability policies and encourage students to adopt more sustainable living practices. According to JSC director of office Karen Chand, “We at Sunway have a strong commitment to sustainability and we try to focus on areas that are of most interest and social progress through research and development.”

**Eco-Friendly Initiatives**

One initiative is the Sunway Smart Sustainable Campus Committee, which focuses on promoting sustainability and social responsibility among students and staff. The committee’s main goal is to create a more sustainable and socially responsible campus environment.

**No Single-Use Plastics Policy**

Sunway also has a no-single-use plastics policy at all of its events and we are encouraged to bring our own reusable water bottles, straws, and cutlery. The university also provides water fountains and free reusable water bottles to students.

**Hands-on Experience**

Students are encouraged to participate in hands-on experiences to understand the impact of their daily habits and how they can make a difference. For instance, a refugee simulation was conducted by the Hands of Hope community service. Students learned about the challenges faced by refugees and how they can help.

**Community Engagement**

The university also engages various stakeholders, including the community, to educate them about sustainability and encourage them to take action. One such initiative is the Sunway Smart Sustainable Campus Committee’s programme called The Last Straw to raise students’ awareness about their daily plastic use. Students are encouraged to bring their own straws and water bottles to reduce plastic waste.

**Academic Programs**

The university also offers academic programs that focus on sustainability and social responsibility. For instance, the Sunway University Business School offers a course on sustainability and social responsibility, where students learn about the importance of these issues and how they can make a difference.

**Conclusion**

Sunway University is committed to sustainability and social responsibility. Through various initiatives, the university aims to shape students into individuals who are socially and environmentally aware. By encouraging students to adopt more sustainable living practices, Sunway University is creating a more sustainable and socially responsible campus environment.

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