

# University of Management and Technology

## Policy Title: Plastic Elimination 2025

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### 1.0 Objective

The objective of this policy is to provide guidelines for eliminating usage of single-use plastic within the university premises.

### 2.0 Scope

This policy is applicable to faculty, students, staff, contractors, and visitors of UMT.

### 3.0 Policy

Plastic waste represents a significant environmental challenge, and it is essential to embrace sustainable procurement practices and encourage utilization of eco-friendly materials.

- 3.1. OCMS/OFE shall ensure the elimination of single-use plastic items at UMT.
- 3.2. All consumable items shall be purchased in bulk and/or in re-usable containers to eliminate plastic waste.
- 3.3. The single-use plastic products that should be eliminated, may include the following:
  - a. Cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks etc.);
  - b. Plates;
  - c. Straws;
  - d. Beverage stirrers;
  - e. Food containers;
  - f. Plastic bags
  - g. Plastic (PET) water bottles
- 3.4. OCMS/ OFE shall ensure the use of reusable and eco-friendly alternatives such as bamboo straws, metal cutlery, cloth bags, and disposable items:
  - a. At all indoor events for example meetings, trainings etc.
  - b. At canteen / cafes, and all vending machines.
  - c. For internal and external catering and distribution related to commercial and non-commercial activities.
- 3.5. OFE shall ensure that for events, a water dispenser shall be provided or an alternate solution shall be made instead of single-use plastic bottles.
- 3.6. As an alternative to the use of plastic bottles that is, water dispensers / coolers shall be placed at different locations of the university and the stakeholders shall be encouraged to use eco-friendly bottles.
- 3.7. OCMS / OFE shall organize sessions / campaigns aimed at enhancing awareness among stakeholders to promote and adopt sustainable practices for plastic elimination.
- 3.8. OCMS / OFE shall ensure compliance to government legislation to achieve plastic elimination objectives.
- 3.9. Any exceptions to this policy shall require prior approval from the Rector / DG.

### 4.0 Implementation & Compliance

Office of Campus Management Services (OCMS) and Office of Forums and Events (OFE) are responsible for the implementation and compliance to this policy with the support of all UMT faculty, staff, students and affiliated individuals / groups.

**5.0 Distribution**

Office of the President, Office of the Rector, DG, OCMS, OFE, Registrar, Head OHCM, Faculty & Staff.

**6.0 Review & Approval**

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