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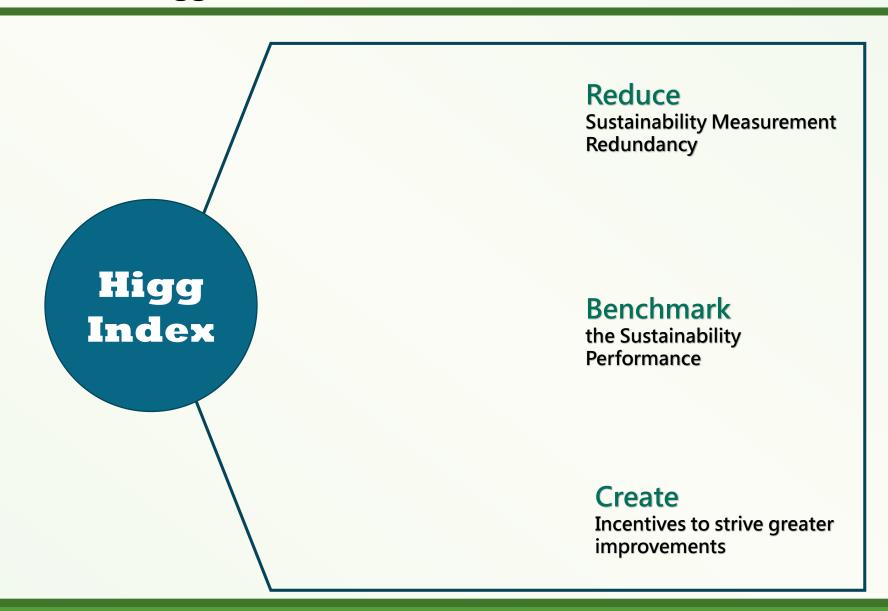
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# Introduction to the New Online Toolkit for Higg Index Assessment

# 介紹Higg指數評估網上協作工具

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## **Higg Index – A Unified Assessment Tool**



## **Higg Index – Importance**

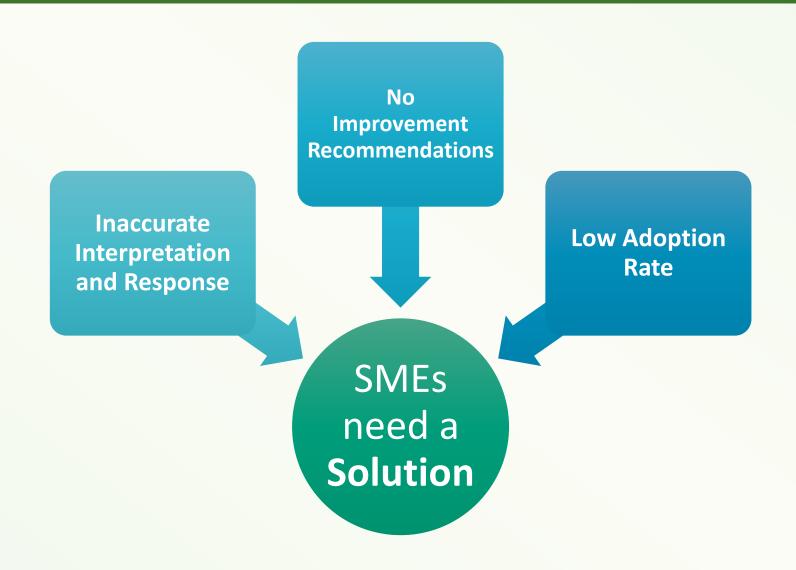
## **Become**

**Important Requirements** for International buyers

Market Share

Company
Image
Reputation

## **Challenges Encountered by Hong Kong SMEs**



#### How do we assist SMEs?



## **Benefits**

#### Save time and cost

- Accurately interpret and understand the Higg Index requirements
- Obtain free-of-charge sustainability advisory recommendations to improve their sustainability performance

#### Advance to higher level of competitiveness

- Get prepared to pass the mandatory Higg Index verification (early of 2016)
- Gaining a higher score in the Higg Index assessment

#### Effectively manage their compliance towards different buyers' requirements

Adopting the Higg Index, which comprises of commonly accepted buyers' requirements

#### Standardized Report

• Easy to read format for internal and external communication

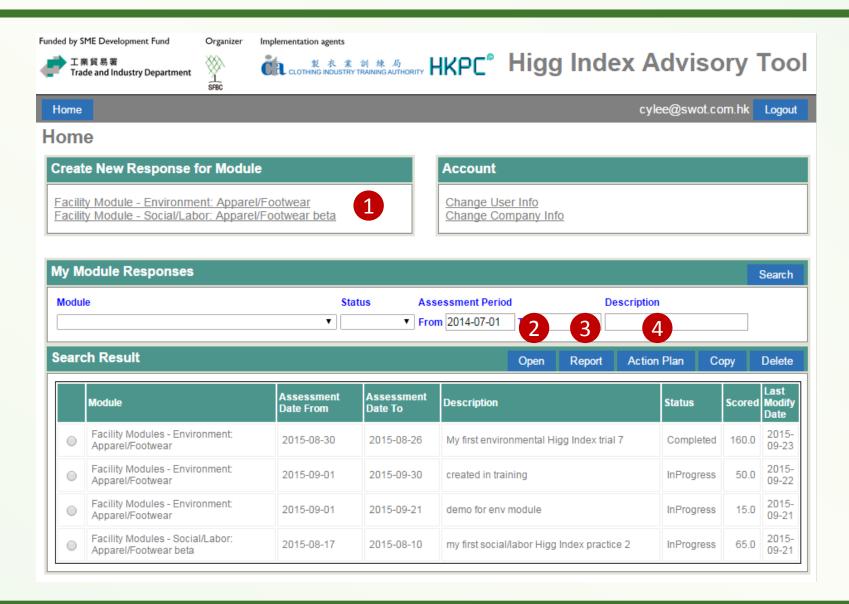
## **New Online Toolkit - Features**



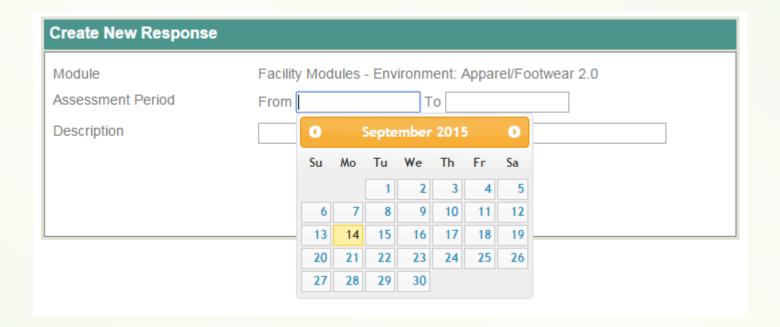
## **Assessment Procedures**



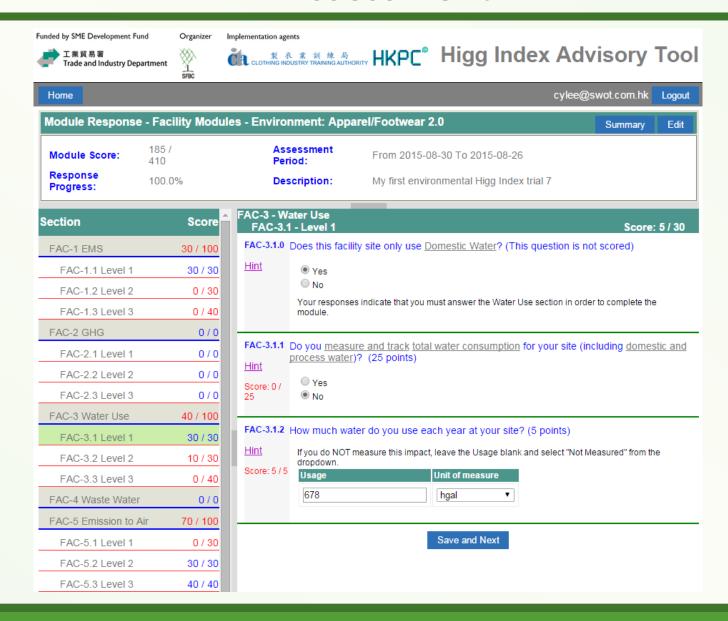
## **Dashboard**



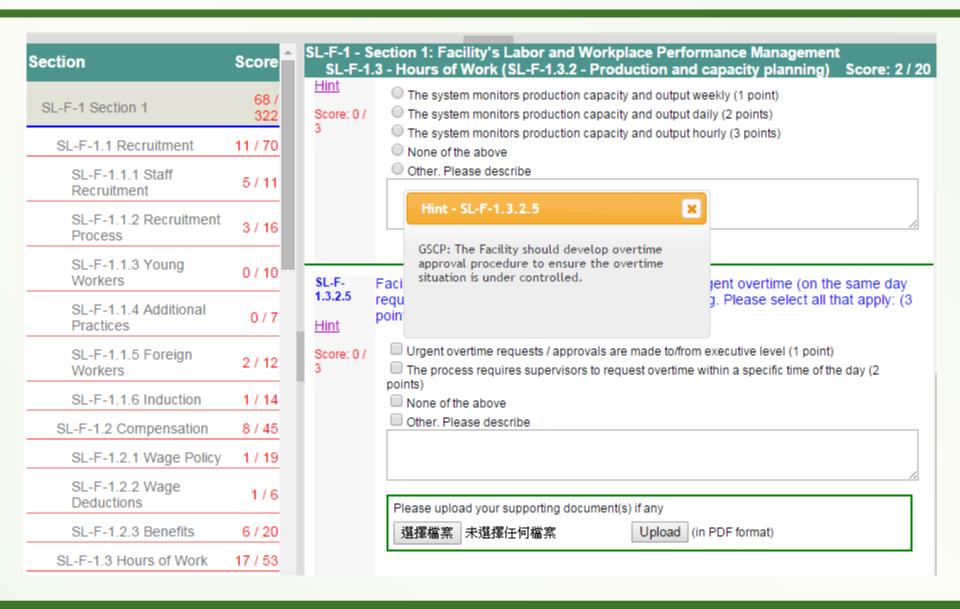
## 1. Create



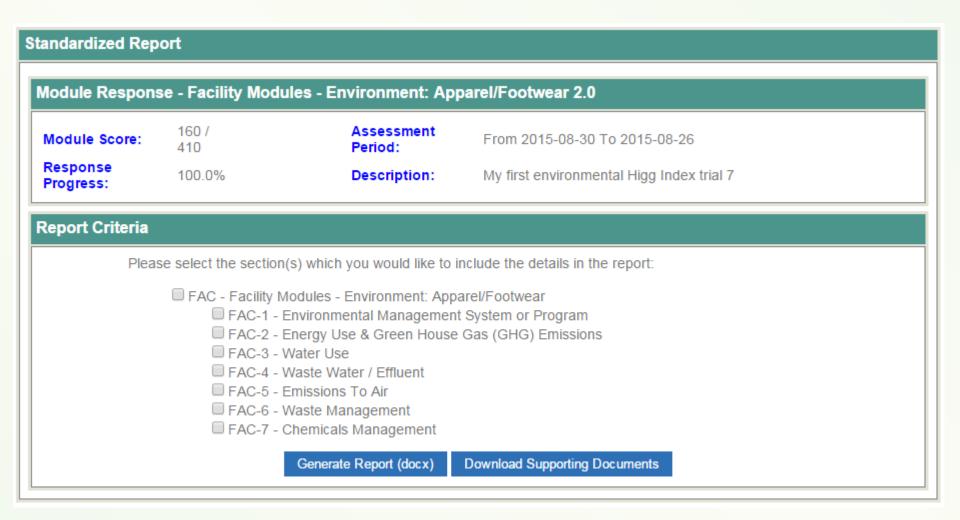
**Keyword Explanation Suggested Response Examples** Guidance **Legal Reference Industry Benchmark Practices** 



FAC-1.2.1 <u>Hint</u>	Do you have a formal environmental management system or program aimed at continually improving your site's environmental impacts? (15 points)						
Score: 0 / 15	● Yes ○ No						
	(i) Please summarize	the key elements of your en	key elements of your environmental management system or program.				
	+ Recommended Con	nmended Content					
	Description of the policy laid out in the EMS or areas of focus (key environmental aspects) of the EMS, if it is not based on a recognized EMS framework.						
	<u>+ Example</u>						
	The EMS is based on the ISO 14001 framework, with a Plan-do-check-act cycle that guides decision-making. The policy includes 6 key commitments covering legal compliance and continuous improvement of key environmental aspects (energy, water use, wastewater, air emissions and waste, customers/internal requirements on EMS, etc.).						
	<b>\$</b>						
	(ii) How are employees being trained about your program?						
	Training occasion (context)	Training frequency	content of training in relation to EMS	Personnel trained			
	+ Example						
	staff orientation or annual training	Annually	Topics include cleaner production laws and regulations, Environmental policy and EMS program and monitoring, auditing and data collection, case studies, awareness training, etc.	department heads, EHS team members and operational heads			
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## 3. Report Generation



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Standardized Report

Environmental Module of Higg Index Assessment
For
ABC Company Ltd.

Generated by
Higg Index Advisory Tool

FAC-3	Water Use				
FAC-3.1	Level 1				
FAC-3.1.0: Does this facility site only use Domestic Water? (This question is not scored)  0.0,					
Yes					
FAC-3.1.1:	Do you measure	and track total water consu	nption for your site (includin	g domestic and process wat	er)? 0.0
FAC-3.1.1: No	Do you measure	and track total water consu	nption for your site (includin	g domestic and process wat	er)? 0.0
No Select the swater used You may see one source	sources for d at your site. elect more than e, and you may her" more than	Select the sources for water used at your site. You may select more than one source, and you may select "Other" more than once.	what is the frequency of measurement?	What is the method of tracking and measuring usage?	Additional information (optional)

# 4. Improvement Recommendation

**Assessment Results INPUT SMART TOOLKIT** Verification **OUTPUT** Goals **Activities Preparation** (Environmental Module)

## 5. Action Plan

Recommendations



**User Selection** 

**Responsible Parties** 

**Completion Date** 



Sustainability Action Plan

## 5. Action Plan

Action Plan Report

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Facility Modules - Environment: Apparel/Footwear

Question	Description	Recommendations / Best	Supporting Document(s)	Verification	Designated	Completion
code		Practices		Preparation	Person /	Date
					Department	
FAC-6.1.2	How much	(i) Refer to "Annual waste	(i) Annual waste			
	solid waste is	disposal/recycling record",	disposal/recycling record			
	generated at	find out the total amount				
	your site each	of solid waste generated at				
	year?	the site and the				
		corresponding unit of				
		measure.				
FAC-6.2.1	Do you set,	1. Construct a "Waste	(i) Waste reduction target and	Management		
	and review at	management plan" with	strategies; or	should:		
	least annually,	formal reduction target(s)	(ii) Waste management plan	- Provide		
	(" improv	and baseline for significant		resources to		
	ement targets	waste streams. The report		review waste		
	to reduce the	should be kept properly for		reduction and		
	quantity of	future review and involve		recycling targets		
	waste	the following components:		annually		
	generated for	(i) Target name and target		- Engage with		
	your site?	type (absolute or		suppliers to		
		normalized)		identify waste		
		(ii) Base year and target		avoidance/recycli		
		year		ng/reuse		
		(iii) Percentage(%)		opportunities		

## **Additional Resources**



## Web Tour of the New Online Toolkit



## **Workshops for the Online Toolkit**



**Six** Workshops to provide tutorial to assist SMEs in using the new online tool for Higg Index assessment

#### Cover topics:

Demonstration of the Toolkit

 Key steps to generate the Higg Index Report and Action Plan for Improvement

Venue: Clothing Industry Training Authority

Language: Cantonese

Quota: **50** per session

Fee: Free-of-charge

# **Workshops for the Online Toolkit**

Series	Date	Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	October 28, 2015	14:00-17:30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 11, 2015	14:00-17:30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	To Be Confirmed	14:00-17:30
4 <sup>th</sup>	To Be Confirmed	14:00-17:30
5 <sup>th</sup>	To Be Confirmed	14:00-17:30
6 <sup>th</sup>	To Be Confirmed	14:00-17:30

Note: The schedule is tentative only. Please refer to the latest announcement from the above website.

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