



## **General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University**

### **POLICY ON MINIMIZATION OF DISPOSABLE ITEMS**

#### **Policy Statement**

KDU is committed to environmental sustainability and reducing its ecological footprint. This policy aims to minimize the use of disposable items across the campus, promoting sustainable practices and conserving resources.

#### **Objectives**

1. To reduce the consumption of single-use plastic and other disposable items.
2. To promote the use of reusable alternatives.
3. To reduce waste and conserve resources.
4. To contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment.

#### **Policy Implementation**

##### **1. Inventory and Assessment:**

- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of disposable items used on campus.
- Identify areas where disposable items can be replaced with reusable alternatives.

##### **2. Reusable Alternatives:**

- Provide reusable alternatives to disposable items, such as water bottles, and food containers.
- Encourage the use of reusable bags for shopping and carrying belongings.
- Provide recycling bins for paper, plastic, and other recyclable materials.

##### **3. Waste Reduction Strategies:**

- Implement waste reduction strategies, such as composting and food waste reduction programs.
- Educate the campus community on waste reduction techniques and responsible disposal practices.

#### **4. Purchasing Practices:**

- Prioritize the purchase of products with minimal packaging and those made from sustainable materials.

#### **Compliance and Enforcement**

- CO Admin will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy.
- Regular audits and inspections will be conducted to assess compliance.

#### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

<b>Effective Date</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Reviewed on</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024