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The Electricity Consumption Benchmarking Model was jointly developed by City University and the World Green Organization to facilitate energy-saving in the territory.

The program is a grading tool which office tenants can use to calculate their energy efficiency levels - from A to E - after relevant data is inputted.

The model also suggests how energy may be conserved.

To develop the program, data was collected from 28 tenants in 16 commercial buildings, managed by the Chinachem Group, which formed the database.

"Around 40 percent of the energy consumption in commercial buildings comes from office tenants, and this cannot be controlled by management," said CityU's William Chung Siu-wai.

The energy and environmental policy research unit director added: "We want office tenants to keep an eye on their energy-saving levels."

Offices should consider energy consumption as an operation cost, and is an incentive for them to improve energy efficiency, said WGO chief executive William Yu Yuen-ping.

He urged the government to establish an energy-saving fund to subsidize companies.

The program is now available on the internet, and the team will keep collecting data to enlarge the sample size. ALVIN WU