

Policy for using Environmental Database

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Environmental Database is a database facility to archive air related data, including both observational and modeling data, which are generated by the HKUST research team at the supersite or elsewhere or collected from other data sources. The data/information are to be used for education and research purposes only, and acknowledgement of IENV as the source of information should be put on all printed and electronic materials and publications. Prior approval from the original information provider and/or HKUST for commercial or publication use. The database is set up to promote sharing of these data, with statistical and data display tools, in the scientific community to support atmospheric research and advancement of science. Users are always welcome to make use of the database for scientific curiosity or research projects. A fair-use user management practice is adopted for user access control, which covers the aspects from the procedure to request for use, nominal charging fees, and to publication acknowledgement requirement as described in the sections below.

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Request for use

Users may write to webenvf@ust.hk to request the use of specific data in the environmental database for their research and projects. Users need to write clearly in their requests 1. the name of the users and affiliation, 2. their supervisors and affiliation, 3. the data requested and the period, 4. the purpose/nature of the project(s) or the intended use of the data. They have also to state clearly that the data are used for their research/non-commercial uses at HKUST (unless otherwise approved), and not for data resell/commercial purposes.

Charging fees

To support the maintenance of the infrastructure of the database services and as a tool to manage the fair use of the database, nominal charges will be imposed to regular heavy users of the database. However, occasional uses at ad-hoc basis is free in order to promote the uses of the database to scientific community and other communities in the campus for other purposes.

Acknowledgement Requirement

Users should acknowledge the Environmental Central Facility supports on the environmental database in reports and publications when they make use of the database, including but not limiting to scientific papers and communications, project reports, etc.