

Neapoli Awarded Plastic-Free Badge



Oceanic Global (OG) worked with [NEAPOLI Sdn. Bhd.](#) to move into their new office space in 2020 with no single-use plastics on-site and with a responsible waste management plan in place.

NEAPOLI Sdn. Bhd. has achieved the **Three-Star (Plastic-Free) verification** of Oceanic Global’s Blue Standard.

Industry	Office Space
Capacity/Size	1-50 Employees
Location	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Badge Level:	Plastic-Free

BIG ANNUAL WINS

3,120

single-use plastic water bottles removed

6,240

individually plastic wrapped food items removed

3,120

single-use plastic food containers removed

312

single-use plastic garbage bags removed

FEATURED SOLUTIONS

The office began by tackling food and beverage options and storage available in the break room and expanded focus from there to janitorial items, waste management, and workplace culture.

- 1. Water Bottles:** NEAPOLI installed a water filtration system and dispenser in the office and all employees bring their own reusable water bottles for use. There are also reusable dishware and dishwashing options available on-site.
- 2. Food Containers:** NEAPOLI shifted food offerings in the kitchen from individually wrapped items to bulk-sourced options alongside implementing reusable storage containers and glass jars.
- 3. Tea Bags:** NEAPOLI transitioned to purchasing loose leaf tea as well as reusable metal strainers to replace individually wrapped single-use plastic tea bags.

MAJOR CHALLENGES OVERCOME

1. Refreshments

It can be challenging to offer package-free options for refreshments in office space breakrooms when so many food and beverage offerings are individually wrapped. The NEAPOLI team found creative solutions for reusable storage, bulk purchasing, loose leaf tea, coffee beans and beyond.

2. Local Supply Chain

Being based in Kuala Lumpur where the zero waste movement is in initial stages, the NEAPOLI team searched deeply within their existing supply chain and beyond to find locally available alternatives for items such as compostable garbage bags. It is always best to support local economies where possible, and even where that was not readily available, the NEAPOLI team resiliently found solutions.

"Our values define who we are as a firm and who we aspire to be. They provide the principles that shape our actions and are essential to fulfilling our two-part mission to help our clients make substantial and lasting environmental impact and to build a great firm. The Oceanic Standard is setting the reference standard for our Kuala Lumpur base office, and demonstrates that with commitment a plastic-free office is achievable. Although we are one of the first in Malaysia, we aim to lead the change and convince others to do the same."

- Hans Weemaes (Managing Director, Neapoli Sdn Bhd)

