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SUSTAINABLE LIVING

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WITH the heatwave and electricity bills soaring, there is a need to relook at power use.

The biggest electricity guzzlers are air-conditioners and the government's directive that the temperature in air-conditioned buildings be set at 24°C is one way to reduce electricity use.

But an even more effective way to reduce electricity consumption is to not use air-conditioners and still have a conducive living and working environment.

While it may be difficult to do away with air-conditioning in commercial buildings, it should be possible to design houses that provide comfortable living with just fans.

Recent promotions for environment-friendly buildings have advocated the use of green walls, or vertical gardens, to insulate the exterior of buildings to reduce the power used for cooling.

This can also be used for houses, as well as industrial and commercial buildings. Such methods are in addition to rooftop gardens, which are becoming a common sight here.

So, let us adopt the right way of being green and sustainable as a first step to reduce carbon emissions. The country has had a re-

newable energy policy and a renewable energy power programme since 2001, although development has been slow. Everyone has a role to play in the pursuit of a sustainable future.

Green technology is a noble aim for global environmental sustainability.

The green developers' policy will ensure that future generations enjoy a healthy life. But will making buildings green be the answer to environmental ills and save the planet from global warming?

The largest carbon dioxide emissions come from the transport sector and power generation, so our efforts should be aimed at reducing emissions.

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