# REPORT ON DETERMINATION OF TOTAL BACTERIA AND FUNGAL LEVELS IN A CLASSROOM

#### **FOR**

OPTIWAY (ASIA) CO, Ltd

(Project No.: 10006081-020)



Hong Kong Productivity Council 香港生産力促進局

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#### 1. BACKGROUND

Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) was commissioned by the client (Optiway (Asia) Co, Ltd) to carry out Total Bacteria and Total Fungal Level Test in a classroom before and after applying a disinfectant "NICE-CRYSTAL SANITIZER" which is containing Hypochlorous acid (HCIO) solution (Photo 1) (as claimed by the client).



Photo 1: Hypochlorous acid disinfectant

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study was to measure the airborne Total Bacteria and Total Fungal levels in a classroom before and after applying a disinfectant "NICE-CRYSTAL SANITIZER" by using an automatic disinfectant spraying cleaner (Photo 2).

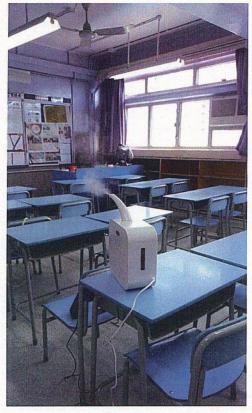


Photo 2: Applying the disinfectant in the classroom

# 3. SAMPLING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION OF AIR SAMPLES

Sampling Date

26 June 2018

Sampling Time

12:00 - 15:00

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Sampling location

A classroom in a primary school at Tai Po

#### 4. METHODOLOGY OF MEASUREMENT

The measurement of airborne bacteria and fungi levels were carried out in accordance with US ACGIH approved sampling method for measurement of airborne microbials by using cascade impactor and agar plate incubation. The sampling time for both total bacteria count (TBC) and total fungi count (TFC) was 10 minutes and the sample volume was 0.2432 m<sup>3</sup>.

The samples were then sent to the Environment and Product Innovation Laboratory of HKPC for incubation. The TBC samples were incubated at 37 deg.C for 48 hours while TFC samples were incubated at 25 deg.C for 7 days. After incubation, the number of colony formed on the agar plates was counted.



Photo 3: TBC & TFC measurement

#### 5. RESULTS OF THE MEASUREMENT

The test results of TBC and TFC measurement are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 Total Bacterial and Total Fungi Level at the classroom

	Before applying	ng disinfectant	After applying disinfectant	
	Average Bacteria  Concentration  (cfu/m³)	Average Fungi Concentration (cfu/m³)	Average Bacteria  Concentration (cfu/m³)	Average Fungi Concentration (cfu/m³)
Sample	1673	221	819	96
Blank	<1	<1	<1	<1

#### 6. LIMITATION OF MEASUREMENT

The results obtained in this test are only representative of the pollutant concentration at the specific sampling time and location. The result should not be extrapolated to other conditions without caution.

#### 7. CONDITIONS

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# APPENDIX

Laboratory Report



Hong Kong **Productivity Council** 香港生產力促進局

### **Environment and Product Innovation Laboratory**

# TEST REPORT

Test Report No: A0002107

Folder No: 1807938 Page No: Page 1 of 1 Date of Issue: 07/07/2018

Client

: Optiway (Asia) Co Ltd

Address

Sample Description : 6 TFC samples were collected by HKPC.

Sample Received Date

: 27/06/2018

Test Completed Date:

06/07/2018

Remarks

Requested by: Y C Pang

**Analytical Results:** 

Sample Name	Sample No	Parameter Unit Method Code Analysis Date	Total Fungal Count cfu ATM-TFC-1 27/06/2018	
TFC-BF1	AC-1806-0001		57	
TFC-BF2	AC-1806-0002		5	
TFC-AF1	AC-1806-0003		4	
TFC-AF2	AC-1806-0004		23	
TFC-BK1	AC-1806-0005		<1	
TFC-BK2	AC-1806-0006		<1	

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**TESTING METHODS** 

Parameter Total Fungal Count Method ATM-TFC-I Reference In house method

Approved Signatory:

FUNG Kam Wing (Lab Manager)

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TEST REPORT

Test Report No: A0002108

Folder No: 1807939 Page No: Page 1 of 1

Date of Issue: 07/07/2018

Client

: Optiway (Asia) Co Ltd

Address :

Sample Description

: 6 TBC samples were collected by HKPC.

Sample Received Date

: 27/06/2018

Test Completed Date:

03/07/2018

Remarks

: Requested by: Y C Pang

**Analytical Results:** 

		Parameter Unit Method Code Analysis Date	Heterotrophic Plate Count cfu	
Sample Name	Sample No		ATM-HPC-1 27/06/2018	
TBC-BF1	AC-1806-0		260	
TBC-BF2	AC-1806-0008		210	
TBC-AF1	AC-1806-0009		120	
TBC-AF2	AC-1806-0010		110	
TBC-BK1	AC-1806-0011		<1	
TBC-BK2	AC-1806-0	012	<1	

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**TESTING METHODS** 

Parameter

Heterotrophic Plate Count

Method ATM-HPC-1

Reference In-house method

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