

Environmental Protection

The Registry is very conscious of the importance of environmental protection and is committed to developing and conducting all our services and operations in an environmentally responsible manner. A directorate officer has been appointed as the Green Manager and four Assistant Green Managers have been tasked to promote and oversee the development and implementation of green measures in the department. We have adopted the following environmental policies and principles to improve the environment:-

- (a) Encouraging the efficient use of energy and materials by adopting the three “R” principles – Reduce, Re-use and Recycling of materials, and green purchasing.
- (b) Maintaining a high level of environmental awareness amongst staff and encouraging them to practise green environmental measures.
- (c) Complying with legislation, regulations and standards on environmental protection.
- (d) Minimising waste and ensuring the safe handling of waste produced.
- (e) Pursuing environmental protection through the adoption of environmental friendly modern technologies, minimisation of possible adverse impact on the environment, and continuing to find ways to improve the Registry’s environmental performance.
- (f) Conducting environmental audits by independent experts as and when necessary.

We have also participated in the “Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places” organised by the Environmental Protection Department. A “Good Class” certificate has been awarded to the Registry, certifying that the indoor air quality in the floors occupied by the department in the Queensway Government Offices has fully complied with the Good Class of the Indoor Air Quality Objectives.

Our targets and actual performances on various green measures are as follows:-

	Target for 2006 %	Performance in 2006 %	Target for 2007 %
(a) Waste Minimisation			
• using blank side of used paper for drafting	99	100	100 [#]
• using recycled/wood-free paper	100	99	100
• re-using envelopes or using transit envelopes	98	98	98
• using refillable ball pens	100	100	100
• using old sets of documents for re-circulation	99	100	100 [#]
(b) Waste Recovery for Recycling/Re-use			
• collection of waste paper	98	98	98
• collection of used printer cartridges	100	100	100
(c) Energy Conservation			
• routine checking to switch off lights, photocopiers etc. outside office hours	99	100	100 [#]
(d) Measures at Festive Seasons			
• re-using decorations	100	100	100

[#] *New and improved targets.*

The Chief Executive has signed the Clean Air Charter (the Charter) on behalf of the Government of the HKSAR on 27 November 2006. We contribute to the improvement of air quality and reduction of air emission in accordance with the principles and spirit of the Charter. We will continue the on-going effort to reduce energy/paper consumption and promote staff awareness of green measures.