

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 friendly manner. The Business Manager has been appointed as the Green Manager who, together with four Assistant Green Managers, has been tasked to promote and oversee the development and implementation of green measures in the Registry. We have adopted the following environmental policies and principles:-

- Encouraging the efficient use of energy and materials by adopting green purchasing and the three “R” principles – Reduce, Re-use and Recycle materials
- Maintaining a high level of environmental awareness amongst staff and encouraging them to practise the 3 Rs
- Complying with legislation, regulations and standards on environmental protection
- Minimising waste and ensuring its safe handling
- Pursuing environmental protection through the adoption of environmental friendly technologies, minimisation of possible adverse impact on the environment and continuing to find ways to improve the Registry’s environmental performance
- Conducting environmental audits as and when necessary

In 2007-08, we participated in the “Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places” organised by the Environmental Protection Department. A certificate was awarded to the Registry, certifying that the indoor air quality in the floors it occupied in the Queensway Government Offices fully met the standard of “Good” indoor air quality.

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

	2007 Target	2007 Performance	2008 Target
	%	%	%
Waste Minimisation			
• using blank side of used paper for drafts	100	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	100	99	100
Waste Recovery for Recycling/Re-use			
• collection of waste paper	98	98	98
• collection of used printer cartridges	100	100	100
Energy Conservation			
• routine checking to switch off lights, photocopiers, etc. outside office hours	100	100	100
Measures during Festive Seasons			
• re-using decorations	100	100	100

The Chief Executive signed the Clean Air Charter (the Charter) on behalf of the Government of the HKSAR on 27 November 2006. In 2007-08, we continued to contribute to improving air quality and reducing the emission of air pollutants in accordance with the principles and spirit of the Charter. We will also continue with our efforts to reduce energy and paper consumption and promote awareness of green measures.