

"We believe that the momentum generated by taking part in stakeholder initiatives will be conducive to the development of an environmentally responsible culture among our staff."

Environmental Report

Our mission is to enhance the environmental awareness of all Force members through education and publicity, and to encourage their participation in conserving the environment; to work with relevant organisations to incorporate environmental management in the Force; to develop and maintain a management system to improve the environmental quality of its activities; and to comply with relevant legislation and codes of practice.



Commitment and Management

During 2003, the Steering Committee on Green Management, which is chaired by the Director of Finance, Administration and Planning and comprises civilian and disciplined representatives from various Formations, continued to serve as a focal point in directing energy and environmental management. The five Regional Green Management Committees under the stewardship of leading commanders also helped to strengthen green efforts within the Force.



Waste Reduction

In line with Government targets, the Force managed to cut down consumption of paper in 2003 by 7 per cent, and consumption of electricity by 3 per cent. Measures such as communication by e-mail, photocopying on both sides of paper, using recycled paper and re-using of envelopes have become staff habits at all levels. Reference materials or information were disseminated by e-mail and e-bulletin boards instead of by hard copies. A review conducted by Kwai Tsing District on the distribution of morning reports on screen instead of in hard copy revealed a possible annual reduction of 31 per cent in used paper. Other waste-minimising measures adopted included the purchase of rechargeable batteries, the use of environmentally friendly plain paper fax machines and the provision of electronic greeting cards.



Unnecessary energy consumption was cut as far as possible by a series of housekeeping measures such as setting a higher room temperature for cooling systems or reducing water temperature for gas boilers, encouraging staff to use staircases for inter-floor traffic, shortening operation hours of lifts, and routine checking to switch off lights and air conditioners both within and outside office hours.

As suggested by Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), two heat pump systems were installed in the Airport Police Station in September 2003. Following this installation, gas water heaters could be removed while hot water supply was maintained, resulting in a significant reduction in gas consumption. The installation of over 1 000 electronic ballasts was also completed in the Airport Police Station in October to increase the lighting system efficiency.

Staff Environmental Awareness

To sustain environmental awareness among our staff, the Force

publicised useful tips on green management in internal publications and through the intranet. "Green Corners" were set up in many divisions to act as forums for exchanging ideas on green management. The Police Training School (PTS) incorporated green management concepts into its training programmes and activities, and briefings on green management for PTS staff were organised with the assistance of Hong Kong Productivity Council, Environmental Protection Department and EMSD. Other initiatives to foster staff participation and awareness included competitions, suggestion boxes, an incentive scheme for collection of recyclable waste and the appointment of energy savings project teams or ambassadors.

Recycling and Other Initiatives

During the year, waste paper, can and plastic bottle collection points were placed Force-wide and private contractors were engaged for collecting used paper. The Mongkok Police District also arranged for a contractor to collect seized pornographic VCD and DVDs for recycling.

The Planning and Development Branch continued to bring green measures into Police buildings, such as the installation of special showerheads, window blinds and timer-switches for air-conditioning units. The inclusion of energy-saving devices was one of the core elements in the planning and design of the new Police Headquarters complex. The Force as a whole entered the competition for "Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Government" in the category of "Best Practice Awards" and 10 police premises entered the "Venue Saver Awards".

Achievements and The Future

Following the success in Wong Tai Sin District, the PTS won the 2003 Green Office Award (Gold Award) of the Hong Kong Eco-Business Awards run by the Hong Kong Productivity Council. This success marked PTS's remarkable achievements in savings



through focused strategies such as not heating the swimming pool in winter, reductions in electricity usage (by 30%) and paper consumption (by 50%). The use of solar energy was also a breakthrough on the green management front. PTS's efforts will no doubt energise environmental awareness at all levels and set a role model for the Force on green management.

For the future, the Department will continue to adhere to the 3-R principles of "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle" in our day-to-day housekeeping. Planned actions in the coming year will include setting consumption targets and actively pursuing new environmental

initiatives and inviting views and suggestions in connection with promoting a green culture within the Force.