

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 2006

Introduction

This Environmental Report accounts for achievements made and measures taken by the ICAC in green management in 2006.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is an independent public service organisation responsible for the following areas of work –

- (a) seek out and eradicate corruption through effective investigation and prosecution;
- (b) identify and eliminate opportunities for corruption in government departments and public bodies and advise the private sector on corruption prevention;
- (c) educate the public against the evils of corruption and actuate support for the ICAC; and
- (d) promote better public understanding of the corruption problem and encourage target groups to take positive action.

The Commission comprises three functional departments – Operations, Corruption Prevention and Community Relations, and the Administration Branch. As at 31 December 2006, the Commission had an establishment of 1,345 accommodated in offices in 10 different locations.

Our Environmental Commitment

The ICAC is committed to ensuring that our operations are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. Whilst our daily businesses are primarily office-based, we are mindful that the way we conduct them can have an impact on our environment. We are, therefore, always alert in exploring opportunities to integrate environmental concept into our daily operation.

Our Environmental Management Structure

To promote and sustain green practices, we have since 1999 established a dedicated Environmental Management Committee, headed by a Commission Green Manager, assisted by a team of Departmental Green Managers and Assistant Green Managers, to review and monitor the Commission's environmental performance at each level. The Committee also actively identifies new green initiatives.

Our Green Measures

In pursuit of our environmental commitment, we adopt the following measures –

- (a) ***Green House-keeping*** – We follow the principles of reduction, reuse and recycling in workplace to economise our use of resources.
- (b) ***Energy Saving*** – We encourage staff to switch off lights, turn off electrical appliances, including computer monitors when not in use, and identify every opportunity pertaining to energy saving.
- (c) ***Paper Saving*** – We make use of computer systems in information dissemination and conducting our business wherever possible in order to minimise the use of paper.

- (d) ***Green Procurement*** – We actively select environmentally sound products in our procurement process.
- (e) ***Green Environment*** – We strive to provide an environmentally friendly work place for all staff.
- (f) ***Clean Air*** – We also strive to contribute our part towards the protection and preservation of the outer environment.
- (g) ***Green Culture*** – We always aim at inculcating environmental protection into the culture of the Commission and enhancing our staff's green awareness so that they would act in an environmentally responsible manner.

Our Environmental Performance in 2006

Riding on the achievements and good tradition built from the past, we have continued to make positive progress in our green management –

(a) ***Green House-keeping***

- We encouraged the re-use of usable stationery items among officers. We continued to put in office boxes to collect re-usable items like clips, envelopes, file tags so that these boxes would become ready stationery stations where staff can easily pick up items they need instead of asking for new supply. This helped reduce the overall replenishment of our stationery stock.
- We recycled around 47,300 kg of waste paper in 2006 representing a 36.3% increase over that of 2005.
- Further to the full implementation of the use of recycled toner cartridges, we encouraged our staff to avoid printing hard copies from computer as far as possible. The number of toner consumed was reduced by 4.3% from 1,509 in 2005 to 1,444 in 2006.

(b) ***Energy Saving***

- We assigned staff to patrol office areas each evening after work to ensure that all lights and electrical equipment were turned off in areas where no officers remained working and to remind officers still at work to turn off the remaining lights and equipment before leaving.
- We continued to replace electronic equipment with those with energy saving features. This measure coupled with other green management initiatives have helped to bring down our overall electricity consumption by 0.2% when compared to that of 2005.

(c) ***Paper Saving***

- We continued with the practice of using transit envelopes.
- We continued to print on both sides of paper and re-use / recycle paper for drafts.
- We continued to minimise the production of hard copies of our publications and upload our publications to our corporate website for public viewing.
- We continued to maximise the use of information technology for administrative processes, information dissemination and storage to reduce the need for paper copies.
- Applying the above measures, our total consumption of paper was maintained at 26,000 reams in 2006, and our consumption of envelope was reduced by 11% from 170,000 in 2005 to 151,000 in 2006.

(d) ***Green Procurement***

- We continued to procure energy efficient appliances and office equipment where possible.
- We continued to purchase green supplies and environmentally sound products like refillable ball-pens, recycled toners and pencils.

(e) ***Green Environment***

- We conducted regular cleansing of our air-conditioning units to keep them clean and energy efficient.
- We conducted periodic indoor air quality checks in our premises to ensure that a healthy and safe environment was maintained for both staff and members of public.

(f) ***Clear Air***

- We required our officers performing driving duties to switch off the engines of their vehicles while waiting.
- We have planned to replace our vehicles with environmentally friendly ones gradually. In 2006, we have placed order for an environmentally friendly vehicle to substitute an existing one due for replacement.

(g) ***Green Culture***

- We continued to post green messages in strategic and conspicuous locations to remind staff of daily energy and resources saving practices.
- We continued to post monthly consumption statistics on electricity, paper and envelopes onto our electronic bulletin board to remind staff of the consumption pattern and the need to economise.

Targets

We would continue to keep up the momentum in green management, save resources in other areas, and explore new green initiatives.

Feedback and Comments

We will continue to play our part in protecting the environment and remain open and active in identifying means to achieve this objective. If you have any feedback and suggestions, please e-mail us at general@icac.org.hk.

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