



Security Bureau

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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Controlling Officer's Environmental Report 2003

Introduction

We aim to include the environmental measures taken in 2003, our green management performance and future green targets in the report.

Our Goal

Our Policy Objective is to ensure that Hong Kong remains a secure and safe city by maintaining law and order, guaranteeing public safety, exercising effective immigration and customs control, rehabilitating offenders and drug abusers, and providing effective emergency services.

It is our environmental goal to provide our services in an environmentally responsible manner and through the optimum use of resources and energy, so as to be in line with the government-wide initiative towards a paperless and green government.

Green Measures Taken in 2003

The work of the Security Bureau is mainly office-based. In 2003, we continue to follow the green measures taken in past years, at the same time exploring new means and identifying new initiatives to achieve a healthy and sustainable working environment. Details of the environmental measures are as follows :

(A) Reduction of Paper Consumption

(i) By electronic means :

- Uploading the electronic version of the Security Regulations and Security Bureau Circulars onto the Central Cyber Government Office (CCGO) for internal reference;
- Using the Confidential Mail System so that confidential documents can be sent by e-mail;
- Using the notes-based Electronic Leave Application and Processing System (ELAPS) so that vacation leave applications can be submitted and processed electronically;
- Using e-payslips in order to minimize paper consumption;
- Using e-mails and intranet for dissemination of Internal Circulars and notices to staff;
- Uploading consultation papers and reports on homepage for public reference; and
- Encouraging the use of e-mails for transmission of documents and correspondence.

(ii) By the economy use of paper :

- Using the blank side of used paper for drafting, printing and photocopying;
- Printing on both sides of paper;
- Minimizing photocopies;
- Using plain paper fax machines;
- Using double-side photocopies;
- Reusing loose minutes jackets;
- Reusing envelopes or using transit envelopes;
- Avoiding using envelopes for unclassified documents; and
- Using existing documents for circulation.

(B) Waste Recovery



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- Collecting waste paper / newspaper for recycling;
- Collecting used clips;
- Collecting re-useable paper for drafting and internal communication; and
- Collecting used printer toner cartridges for recycling.

(C) Energy Conservation

- Routine checking to switch off lights/air conditioners/photocopies beyond office hours;
- Reminding staff to switch off lights/air conditioners during lunch break or away for long hours;
- Reducing common area lighting to minimum beyond office hours;
- Using electric tubes with energy efficiency label;
- Using solar reflective curtains to minimum solar energy intake; and
- Replacing worn-out fax machines and photocopier with energy saving functions.

(D) Stakeholders Participation

- Encouraging staff to participate in the Green Day organised by the Community Chest and other events by other charitable organizations so as to arouse staff's awareness on environmental protection.

(E) Publicity / Education

- Circulating environmental guidelines to staff regularly; and
- Displaying posters, stickers and other promotional materials to promote environmental awareness.

(F) Measures at Festive Seasons

- Sending electronic seasonal greeting cards to our official counterparts;
- Putting electronic seasonal greeting cards on homepage; and
- Minimizing the quantity of decorative materials and re-using them.

(G) Other Measures

- Displaying plants in offices; and
- Producing CDs for consultation papers and reports instead of delivering hardcopies.

Our Green Management Performance

Efforts in carrying out various measures mentioned above contributed to a decline in our paper and energy consumption in 2003. As compared with 2002, the consumption of paper and envelope in 2003 marked a reduction of 15% and 55% respectively. The remarkable decrease in consumption is mainly attributed to use of e-mails for the transmission of written correspondences.

Green Targets in Future

We will continue to strive our best to further identify new initiatives to make our working environment an environmentally responsible one. Special attention will be placed on a wider use of electronic measures in order to minimize the use of paper and energy. Our targets in future are as follows:

- Maintaining the SB intranet so that information can be shared electronically and less hardcopies will be needed;
- Introducing the Document Imaging System so that files can be retrieved and read on personal computers instead of printing of hardcopies.

Review of the existing environmental practices will be conducted from time to time so as to enhance our performance in conserving the environment. We will also encourage staff to participate in



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environmental friendly activities in order to arouse environmental awareness among all stakeholders.

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