

Po Leung Kuk – Evolving into a “Green Organization” – Budget Reallocation

Project Title	Po Leung Kuk (PLK) - Evolving into a “Green Organization”
Applicant Organization	Po Leung Kuk
Project Summary	<p>The objective of this three-year greening programme is for PLK to evolve into a “Green Organization” through the implementation of a series of green initiatives in schools and social services centres under a framework of four strategies (viz. green governance, green education, environmental management system, green construction and building management). In particular, PLK would provide a wide range of green activities at its two existing camp sites (viz. PLK Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp and PLK Tai Tong Holiday Camp) to enable the community to acquire environmental knowledge in a natural and relaxing environment, and to nurture a green lifestyle. Approval-in-principle for this greening programme was given by the ECF Committee on 10 December 2009.</p>
Project Duration	36 months
Approved Amount	\$31.09 million
Proposed Budget Reallocation	<p>PLK commenced the three-year greening programme in April 2010 in stages according to the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st phase – projects related to secondary schools and camps, and all energy saving related projects in the first year; • 2nd phase – projects related to primary schools, nurseries and kindergartens in the second year; and • 3rd phase – projects related to social welfare centres in the third year. <p>Up to end of June 2012, most of the approved 1st phase green projects were completed whereas the approved projects in the 2nd and 3rd phases were in progress. Having reviewed the actual expenditures and commitments of the approved projects under the original plan, PLK identifies an unspent balance of about \$6.8 million and proposes to reallocate \$6,098,300 out of this to fund various new projects, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further instill green messages to the local community

	<p>and drive the public to go green in their daily living, PLK proposes to deploy \$695,900 for implementing the “PLK Go Green Campaign” project at their schools and social services centres for organizing various activities with different environmental themes; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In view of the demand from a number of schools for carrying out green projects (such as energy saving items, green roof, renewable energy installation and food waste composter) to meet educational needs, PLK proposes to deploy \$5,402,400 for different types of green projects for 26 schools. <p>If the above proposed budget reallocation is approved, PLK estimates that the eventual unspent balance of the whole three-year greening project would be around \$740,000.</p>
Assessments / Remarks	<p>PLK’s request for deploying more funding for schools to carry out green projects is considered worth-supporting as the initiatives will help enhance the awareness and knowledge of students on environmental protection.</p> <p>The Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Subcommittee discussed the “PLK Go Green Campaign” project at its meeting on 10 July 2012 and considered it worthy of support in principle, subject to the approval of the ECF Committee for PLK’s request for budget reallocation.</p>
Advice Sought	<p>Members are invited to advise whether the proposed budget reallocation should be approved.</p>

Secretariat, Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
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