

**Po Leung Kuk – Turning Po Leung Kuk into a “Green Organization”  
Proposed Programme Revision and Further Extension of Greening Programme**

Project Title	Turning Po Leung Kuk (PLK) into a “Green Organization”
Recipient Organization	Po Leung Kuk
Advice Sought	<p>Members are invited to advise whether PLK’s following requests (detailed below) should be approved:</p> <p>(a). To extend the current Environmental Education Programme in camp sites and to implement a number of green initiatives, e.g. education and publicity projects as well as several minor work projects through the deployment of surplus funds derived from other approved projects; and</p> <p>(b). To extend the duration of the greening programme by 24 months (if the proposals at (a) above are approved).</p>
Programme Summary	<p>The aim of this greening programme is to facilitate PLK to turn itself into a green organization through the implementation of a series of green initiatives in schools and social services centres under a framework of five strategies, viz. green governance, green education, environmental management system, green construction and building management aspects. Their signature initiative is the total environmental concept in Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp and Tai Tong Holiday Camp.</p> <p>The ECF Committee gave approval-in-principle for funding support (\$31.09 million) in December 2009 and the three-year programme started in May 2010. At its meeting on 30 January 2013, the ECF Committee approved PLK’s request for extension of the consultancy services for the two camp sites to 4 November 2014 in view of the technical and administrative problems encountered.</p> <p>In March 2014, the ECF Committee approved PLK’s request to extend the overall greening programme to 4 November 2014 so as to tie in with the completion of projects of the two camp sites.</p>
Approved Programme Duration	4.5 years (May 2010 to November 2014)

In-principle Approved Amount	\$31.09 million
Requests for Programme Extension and Revision (Detailed Information)	<p>PLK’s extended greening programme was scheduled to end in November 2014. PLK recently reviewed the progress of projects under and the financial position of the greening programme. To maximize the greening effect of the programme and make the best use of the resources available, PLK proposes to further extend the current Environmental Education Programme (EEP) funded by ECF at the two camp sites and implement new green initiatives (with a proposed budget totalling \$9,838,619.46) through the deployment of surplus funds amounting to \$9,838,697.79 derived mainly from minor works and energy improvement works projects. Details of the initiatives are set out in <u>Annex</u>, a brief summary of which is provided below:</p> <p>(a). <u>Extension of the Current Environmental Education Programme in Camp sites</u></p> <p>In view of the overwhelming response to the EEP in camp sites, PLK would like to extend the programme for two years so as to enhance the influence to the community. New elements to be incorporated to the present EEP including outreaching programmes to schools, internship training programme with tertiary institutions and green education camp programme for students. The estimated budget for this project is \$3,743,964.</p> <p>(b). <u>Implementation of New Green Initiatives</u></p> <p>(i). <u>General Education Projects</u></p> <p>(1). Creative Green Life Project - The objectives of the project are to strengthen the knowledge of children and youth and promote green concepts through the youth and school education programme; to enhance students’ potentials and participation in green living style through the green concept training and equip them as competent and responsible “green leaders”; and to encourage students to organize innovative social activities for the public with a view to enhancing public awareness of green living. The estimated budget for this project is \$2,380,000.</p>

(2). Site Visits to Yan Oi Tong Ecopark Plastic Resources Recycling Centre - The project will help arouse the environmental awareness and understanding of students on municipal solid waste management in Hong Kong and put green living style into practice. The estimated budget for this project is \$120,000.

(3). “Eco-Deck” for the Elderly - The objectives of the project are to raise the environmental protection awareness of elderly people; to encourage them to actively take part in community affairs through organizing a wide range of horticultural workshops, experiential activities and promotional programmes; to introduce green living style to the elders through a series of workshops including making organic lip balm, soap and detergents with youngster; and to help the elderlies to secure a sense of worthiness and lead an enjoyable and fruitful elderly life. The estimated budget for this project is \$669,900.

To publicize the greening programme and the above proposed education projects, PLK also proposes to reserve \$682,000 for implementing a comprehensive publicity programme to promote green messages to the community via media channels.

(ii). Minor Works Projects

PLK proposes to further implement several minor works projects for its schools, kindergartens and camp sites. The total estimated budget for the projects is \$2,222,000.

(iii). Additional Budget for Various Existing Projects

PLK proposes to use surplus funds to cover the extra expenditure totalling \$20,755.46 for general expenses and audit fee of the two camp sites’ educational programmes and consultancy services.

(c). Extension of Programme Duration

To enable the implementation of the proposed new

	<p>initiatives above, PLK would like to seek the ECF Committee's approval for further extension of its greening programme for another 24 months (counting from the approval date).</p> <p>The environmental consultancy services provided by URS Hong Kong Limited for PLK's greening programme has, over the past few years, helped equip PLK with knowledge and experience to go green and to sustain the achievements made. Hence, PLK will be ready to carry out the proposed green projects in the coming 24 months without further support from the environmental consultant.</p>
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