

**Confirmed Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the
Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
held on 18 March 2010 at 2:30 p.m.**

Present

Prof. LUNG Ping-ye, David, S.B.S., J.P. (Chairman)	
Prof. CHAN Chak-keung	
Mr. CHUA Hoi-wai	
Mr. Joseph LEE, S.B.S., J.P.	
Mr. MAN Mo-leung	
Mrs. CHAN NGAN Man-ling, Edith	
Prof. WONG Woon-chung, Jonathan	
Ms WONG Sean-ye, Anissa, J.P.	PS(Env)/DEP
Mr. WONG Yiu-kam, Benny, J.P.	DDEP(1), EPD
Ms CHEUNG Miu-han, Betty	P(CR), EPD
Mr. YUNG Po-shu, Benjamin	Principle Education Officer, EDB
Mr. LAI Chuen-chi, Patrick	Sr Nature Conservation Officer, AFCD

Absent with Apologies

Prof. CHU Lee-man
Mr. LEUNG Wai-kuen, Edward, J.P.

In Attendance

Miss CHAN Yin-ting, Eunice	SAO(CR), EPD
Ms CHAN Suk-ha, Winifred	SEO(CR)1, EPD

In Attendance for Agenda Items 4 to 6

Mr. YAU Tang-wah, Edward	SEN
Miss CHOY Siu-min, Linda	PA/SEN, ENB

In Attendance for Agenda Item 7

Mr. Anthony LOCK	Chairman of HKFORT
Mr. Simon TAM	Vice-chairman of HKFORT
Mr. Kenny WONG	Principal Consultant of HKPC
Ms Angel WONG	Consultant of HKPC



Opening Remarks:

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the seventh meeting.

Item 1: Confirmation on Minutes of the Meeting held on 10.12.2009

2. The draft minutes of the last meeting held on 10.12.2009 were sent to members on 1.2.2010. The meeting confirmed the draft minutes without amendment.

Item 2: Matters Arising

Para. 3 Financial Position of the ECF

3. Miss Eunice CHAN reported that the fund balance as at end of February 2010 was \$997 million and the uncommitted balance was \$718 million. (Post meeting note: Please see the post meeting note at para. 34.)

Para. 6-12 Po Leung Kuk (PLK) – Evolving into a Green Organisation

4. Miss Eunice CHAN reported that subsequent to the Committee's approval-in-principle of \$31.09M to PLK to launch a 3-year greening programme, PLK had submitted the funding applications for engaging a strategic consultant for the 3-year plan and another consultant specifically for the environmental improvement works of the two campsites. Details would be discussed under Agenda item 3.

Para. 13-16 Public Education Programme under the Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste

5. Miss Eunice CHAN reported that the revised proposal from Lingnan University “Waste Management Project for Promoting Green Leaders in Tuen Mun District 2010-2011” was endorsed by circulation with an approved sum of \$783,290.

Item 3: Po Leung Kuk – Evolving into a Green Organisation

(i) Strategic Environmental Consultancy Services for turning PLK into a Green Organisation

(ECF Paper 42/2009-10)

(ii) Consultancy Service for the Green Projects at holiday camps
(ECF Paper 43/2009-10)

6. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the two funding proposals. The Paper 42/2009-10 summarised PLK’s proposal to appoint an Environmental Consultant to oversee PLK’s 3-year greening plan, for a period of 48 months with a funding ceiling of \$1.3 million, to ensure systematic and cost-effective implementation. The Paper 43/2009-10 summarised PLK’s proposal to engage a project consultant for 24 months with a funding ceiling of \$1.4 million to develop the conceptual and detailed design, advise on and supervise the works implementation for the two camp sites, namely Pak Tam Chung and Tai Tong . The funding ceilings for the two consultancy services were agreed in principle at last meeting held on 10.12.2009.

7. A Member enquired if the two consultants would be engaged for different categories of work in view of the different budget and engagement period. The Chairman explained that the consultant for the two camp sites would involve appointment of approved professionals to assist in the detailed design and works implementation of the complicated environmental features for the campsites. The relevant professional fees accounted for the higher cost than the strategic consultant for the overall greening programme of PLK.

8. Members also noted that PLK would evaluate tenders on the basis of combining technical and fee scores. After deliberation, the Chairman concluded that the Committee agreed to the funding allocation of \$1.3 million to PLK for engaging an environmental consultant for a period of 48 months and another \$1.4 million for engaging a consultant to supervise the

works implementation for the two camp sites for a period of 24 months.

9. As Members of the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC), Prof David LUNG, Mr. Joseph LEE and Prof Jonathan WONG declared interest as the funding applications under Agenda Items 4 and 8 were associated with ECC. Prof David LUNG invited Mr. MAN Mo-leung to chair the discussion of these two agenda items. Miss Eunice CHAN then suggested and Members agreed to advance the discussion of the ECC budget for its annual programme in 2010/11.

Item 4: Environmental Programmes by the Environmental Campaign Committee for 2010/11 (ECF Paper 54/2009-10)

10. A Member made an opening remark on the budget sought by ECC for its environmental programmes in the coming financial year 2010/11. ECC proposed a budget of \$19,351,100 for organising its annual programme in 2010/11, comprising the following:

- the 9th Hong Kong Green School Award;
- the Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme 2010/11;
- the 2011 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence;
- the Sharing Session on EE&CA Projects; and
- the general support expenses.

In addition to the annual programme, the ECF Committee had already approved at the meeting held on 10.12.2009 a supplementary provision of \$7.8 million to ECC for organising the “Combating Climate Change Campaign” in 2010 and 2011. Also in relation to the ECC, \$5.4 million had been approved at the ECFC meeting held on 23.9.2009 for ECC and Civic Exchange to co-organise the C40 Workshop. The Member said that at the next agenda item, the ECF Committee would consider a funding application of \$1.7 million for ECC and Civic Exchange to organize youth events complementary to the C40 Workshop.

11. Miss Eunice CHAN supplemented that compared with the 2009/10 annual programme under which ECC had proposed promotion programmes for source separation of waste, ECC would focus resources for

the coming year on climate change issues. The ECC budget for 2009/10 had been \$30.67 million and the budget for all programmes associated with ECC in the 2010/11 financial year, including the climate change programmes, namely the Combating Climate Change Campaign and programmes to be co-organised with Civic Exchange, would be of similar order.

12. The Member commented that the annual programme had been examined carefully by the ECC with the purposes of widening community participation and fostering the partnership with various sectors of the community in promoting environmental protection. Members noted and made no comment on the ECC annual programme. The Member concluded that the ECC annual budget for 2010/11 was approved with a grant of \$19,351,100.

**Item 5: Funding Application on “Youth Dialogue on Climate”
(ECF Paper 55/2009-10)**

13. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the proposal jointly submitted by ECC and Civic Exchange to engage youth in the C40 events. The proposed youth day would be the fifth day of the 5-day series of climate change discussion events under the title of “Climate Dialogue”, including the two-day C40 Workshop, in November 2010. An online platform would be set up to encourage youths to gain knowledge on climate change through online resources and to enlist their participation in a talent contest on creative expression of low carbon living. In order to enhance youth participation in these climate change events, young people would be invited to take part in the academic/professional presentation and discussion sessions during the first four days. Day 5 of the series would be a youth day with discussion forums, information booths and final adjudication for the talent contest. Some guest speakers for days 1-4 would be invited to extend their stay in Hong Kong to the fifth day to participate in the youth forums. The proposed youth events would be closely linked to the other four days of the 5-day series, and as in the case of the C40 Workshop, Civic Exchange would co-organise the youth events with ECC and jointly seek ECF funding. The funding sought was \$1,718,540. Miss Eunice CHAN said that the nature of the proposed youth events would fall under the category of environmental education and

community action (EE&CA) projects, but since the EE&CA Projects Vetting Subcommittee was a subcommittee of ECC and that ECC was a joint applicant of the proposal, the proposal was submitted to ECF Committee for approval. As regards the budget, Miss Eunice CHAN said that with reference to the EE&CA funding guidelines, the manpower costs (i.e. project management cost charged by Civic Exchange) was within the ceiling specified in the funding guidelines while the venue set-up cost for the youth day might exceed the ceiling if the venue rental cost was charged on top of the event management cost. Miss Eunice CHAN said that Members could give consideration as to whether the ceiling could be lifted on individual merits in the light of the project nature and scale.

14. A Member, who was also ECC Chairman, supplemented that the ECC had discussed the proposal on the previous day and agreed that the proposal was worthy of support. In reply to the question by Ms Anissa WONG on the calculation of project management cost, Ms Betty CHEUNG explained that the total budget for project management of the 5-day series of C40 event was around \$2.6 million. The ECF Committee had already supported a sum \$1.2 million for project management of the two-day C40 Workshop at the meeting held on 23.9.2009. The proposed budget of \$482,190 for project management of the youth events was an apportioned amount for Day 5 and there was no duplication of funding with the project management cost of the other four days. Ms Anissa WONG said that the amount proposed for management costs was on the high side, and the overall proportion of the project management and event management, which amounted to nearly 50% of the total budget, also appeared to be high. The Member said that the ECC also noted the relatively high cost of project management by Civic Exchange and he wondered if there was scope to re-examine the budget with Civic Exchange. Nonetheless, he pointed out that the ECC considered Civic Exchange an appropriate partner for the C40 Workshop and also agreed that the proposed youth events, which would be complementary to the C40 Workshop, worthy of support. Another Member noted that the project management cost was an apportioned amount and considered if the ECF Committee agreed to support ECC to co-organise the Day 5 event with Civic Exchange, the budget of \$482,190 should be supported.

15. A Member enquired if there would be a monitoring mechanism to

ensure that the recipient organisation would use the fund properly. Ms Betty CHEUNG explained that similar to other recipient organisations, Civic Exchange should observe the requirement of inviting tender/quotations for sub-contracting of services, including event management, as stipulated in the funding guidelines. Normally, the lowest bid should be accepted. Another Member opined that more local secondary and primary schools should be encouraged to take part in the youth events and that the materials of the 5-day events should be turned into reference materials for schools so as to maximize the educational impact. He remarked that the proposed youth events should engage stakeholders of ECC and ECF, such as ECC's Green Schools and ECF's green partners, i.e. TWGH and PLK, that were also major school sponsoring bodies. He also said that consideration might be given to organise the youth day in the Youth Square.

16. After further deliberation, Another Member concluded that the proposed youth day, being one of the 5-day series of climate change discussion events, was worth support with a total grant of \$1,718,540. (Post-meeting note: The Secretariat invited Civic Exchange to re-examine the budget on project management and the event management cost so as to enhance the cost effectiveness of the project. Civic Exchange subsequently lowered the budget for the on-line platform to \$300,000 and that for event management to \$450,000 representing a 3.2% and 7.2% reduction respectively.)

17. Mr. Edward YAU remarked that the cooperation of ECC and Civic Exchange, with funding support from ECF, would enhance youth's participation and discussion of climate change. He added that public awareness on climate change had been raised after the United Nations Climate Change Conference was held in Copenhagen in 2009. At the meeting of the Steering Committee of the C40 Hong Kong Workshop held in January 2010, Members suggested that the community, particularly youth, should be engaged in such an international climate change event to widen their exposure and thus the proposal of the youth day was put forward.

18. Prof. David LUNG resumed the chairmanship for the following sessions of the meeting.

Item 6: Progress of Funding Support to Schools for On-site Meal Portioning and Proposal for Allocating Additional Fund (ECF Paper 49/2009-10)

19. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the paper, which summarized the latest position of approving applications from schools for on-site meal portioning since the scheme was launched in December 2009. Mr. Edward YAU opined that vetting of funding applications should be timely to tie in with the limited windows each year, namely summer vacation, Christmas and Easter holidays, during which improvement works could be conducted without affecting the operation of schools. A Member, Chairman of WRPVSC, added that the WRPVSC had already approved 22 applications and would have an additional meeting in April 2010 to vet more applications from schools so that about 40 schools could conduct the improvement works in the coming summer holiday. Prof Wong anticipated that with a batch of 20 schools to have works conducted during the 2010 Christmas holiday and 2011 Easter holiday respectively and another 40 schools for the 2011 summer holiday, about 120 schools, which was roughly the projected number of feasible schools among those that had expressed interest, would have improvement works completed after the 2011 summer holiday.

20. Mr. CHUA Hoi-wai remarked that social enterprises providing catering services could be considered as lunch suppliers for schools implementing on-site meal portioning. He could provide the list of such catering services providers to the Secretariat for dissemination to schools. The Chairman concluded that the Committee supported the funding scheme for schools to implement on-site meal portioning so as to reduce food waste. The proposed allocation of \$100 million to the scheme was approved. He also appreciated Mr. CHUA's sharing of information on the catering services to the Secretariat.

21. Mr. Edward YAU and Miss Linda CHOY left the meeting after the discussion.

Item 7: Funding Application Recommended by the Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Subcommittee

**(i) Proposal to Develop and Implement an Accreditation Scheme and a Comprehensive Training Programme for Environmental Restaurants
(ECF Paper 50/2009-10)**

22. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the ECF Paper 50/2009-10 which summarized the proposal jointly submitted by the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants & Related Trades (HKFORT) and the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) for developing an accreditation scheme and a comprehensive training programme for environmental restaurants. The EE&CAPVSC had discussed the proposal at three meetings and concluded to recommend a funding of \$3,523,480 for the 3-year programme. The representatives of HKFORT and HKPC attended the meeting to answer Members' questions.

23. A Member opined that the restaurant trade should contribute to the accreditation scheme. For example, restaurants should pay admission fees for joining the scheme. Moreover, the naming of "environmental restaurants" was misleading as customers would expect all-round criteria beyond environmental management, such as being selective of food of low carbon emission or organic food. Another Member agreed that it would be misleading to label a restaurant that served shark fins as an environmental restaurant. Another Member said that EPD had been promoting green restaurant practices in the past few years and said that the applicants should ensure no duplication of work that had been carried out by EPD. He also suggested that the applicants should make reference to any overseas accreditation scheme for green restaurants. Ms Anissa WONG noted that the EE&CAPVSC appreciated the applicants' initiative of raising the environmental awareness and performance of local restaurants operators but concurred that the naming of "environmental restaurants" might go beyond the objectives of the scheme. She also pointed out that "accrediting" restaurants to be environmental would involve a comprehensive system of standard setting, verifying, monitoring and de-registration. Unless a

supporting mechanism was available, the proposed project might more suitably be termed as a “recognition scheme” aiming at encouraging restaurants to enhance environmental management. Another Member added that the scheme should not duplicate with the environmental labels scheme under the Hong Kong Award for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE).

24. A Member said that the EE&CAPVSC had discussed the proposal at three different meetings on various aspects of the scheme and that these points had probably been considered at those meetings. He also noted that the applicant could find it difficult to address all details since the accreditation system would be developed from scratch and the details would only be formulated upon consultation at different stages of the project. Miss Eunice CHAN supplemented that as advised by the EE&CAPVSC, the applicants would revise the name of the scheme to avoid the terms “environmental restaurant” or “environmental excellence”. The applicants had also agreed to submit the details of each of the stages of the project to EE&CAPVSC for endorsement before proceeding. Another Member appreciated the applicants’ plan to enhance the involvement of small and medium enterprises (SME) among local restaurants but said that it could be difficult to cater for both large-scale chain restaurants and SMEs under the same assessment criteria. Mr. Benny WONG shared that EPD’s promotion work in the restaurant sector focused on law compliance but generally the environmental awareness and performance among SMEs was still low. Mr. WONG noted that the applicants would set up a steering committee, with representatives from EPD, to oversee the development of the scheme, and EPD could provide advice and ensure coordination with government’s work. The Chairman expressed support to the idea of promoting environmental friendly practices and relevant knowledge to local restaurants. He suggested that the applicants should consider including environmental hygiene and reduction of food waste in the assessment parameters.

25. Mr. Anthony LOCK, Chairman of HKFORT, stated that the proposal was formulated noting that only few local restaurants had the capability to participate in the HKAEE. The comprehensive training programme proposed in the proposal would be essential in enhancing the environmental awareness and performance of the restaurant sector, in particular SMEs. Mr. LOCK anticipated that the project would probably start with large-scale chain restaurants but gradually more SMEs would join.

As regards assessment criteria of the scheme, Mr. LOCK said that the programme would focus initially on the key criteria of environmental management. Restaurants operators would be assessed in areas including waste reduction and energy saving. While Mr. LOCK noted Members' comment that the overall environmental performance of a restaurant should cover other criteria such as type of food served, he stressed that the characteristic of the local restaurant trade was the variety. As regards the concern on shark fins, Mr. LOCK worried that most Chinese restaurants would probably be discouraged from participating in the scheme if the type of food served was an assessment criteria, hence defeating the purpose of the scheme of gradually building up the capability to enhance environmental performance of the trade through encouraging voluntary participation.

26. Mr. Kenny WONG supplemented that the terms "environmental restaurants" would be avoided in order to address Members' concern while he maintained that the scheme should be an "accreditation scheme" so that it would be better recognized and received by both the public and the trade. In response to the Chairman's suggestion, Mr. WONG said that environmental hygiene and food waste could be included as assessment parameters. Mr. WONG remarked that while the seed money of the scheme would come from ECF, the scheme would be run on a self-sustained basis afterwards and participating restaurants would need to pay an admission fee for joining the scheme. He also supplemented that unlike the certification system of organic food, there was no local or overseas accreditation or certification system for environmental friendly restaurants. The applicants would develop the whole system from scratch and examine incentives that would attract participation from the restaurant-related trade. The objective would be to tailor-make an accreditation scheme that would meet local requirements, similar to the "Quality Tourism Services Scheme" implemented by the Hong Kong Tourism Board. He supplemented that the applicants had already obtained a total of 80 support letters from both large-scale chain restaurants and SME operators and had confidence that the scheme would attract participation from local SME. The representatives left the meeting after answering Members' questions.

27. After further deliberation, the Chairman concluded that the Committee endorsed the recommendations by the EE&CAPVSC and supported the funding proposal from HKFORT and HKPC with a grant of

\$3,523,480 for the 3-year programme. The applicants should revise the proposal by incorporating various comments from Members including revision to the name of the accreditation scheme, enhancing the assessment parameters to include environmental hygiene and food waste, and submit the relevant details (e.g. assessment criteria, selection criteria of the restaurants for pilot run, etc.) of each of the five stages to the EE&CAPVSC for endorsement before proceeding. Progress and results of each stage should be reported to the EE&CAPVSC periodically.

Item 8: Funding Application Recommended by the Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee

- (i) Project 4/2009 Air quality in Hong Kong – A supersite program for real-time characterization of Particulate Matter (PM) in Hong Kong’s air
(ECF Paper 51/2009-10)**
- (ii) Project 7/2009 Study of photochemical air pollution in Hong Kong
(ECF Paper 52/2009-10)**

28. As the principal investigator of the Project 4/2009 and co-investigator of Project 7/2009, Prof CHAN Chak-keung declared interest and withdrew himself from the conference room.

29. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the two papers which summarised the two mega-sized research projects on air vetted and recommended by the RPVSC. The total amount of recommended funding for the two projects was \$13,163,936. A Member, Chairman of RPVSC, supplemented that the two projects would be looked after by a management committee in which representatives from the RPVSC and EPD would keep in view the progress and resources allocation. Another Member added that the two projects complemented to each other and both applicant universities had demonstrated their commitment by contributing both equipment and manpower to implement the two projects. The RPVSC thus considered the two projects worthy of support.

30. After deliberation, the Chairman concluded that the recommendations by the RPSVSC to grant \$6,609,000 to the HKUST for the ECF Project 4/2009 and \$6,554,936 to the HKPU for the ECF Project 7/2009 were endorsed.

Item 9: Progress Report by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Move Towards a Green Organisation (ECF Paper 53/2009-10)

31. Prof CHAN Chak-keung rejoined the meeting. Ms Winifred CHAN briefed Members on the half-yearly progress report submitted by TWGH on the progress of “Move Towards a Green Organisation” since its appointment of a strategic consultant in July 2009. During the period, TWGH has:

- worked out a master programme on the 3-year plan in the Appendix B of the progress report;
- completed some educational programmes with deliverables shown in the Appendix C;
- produced a thematic webpage for the greening work; and
- prepared some draft proposals for formal submission in a later stage including the research proposal.

32. A Member recalled that he had once suggested TWGH to invite a representative of the ECF Committee to attend meetings of TWGH’s Environmental Steering Committee so as to enhance the cooperation between the two parties. Another Member agreed that would be one of the effective means to monitor the progress of the project. On further discussion, the meeting agreed to take forward the suggestion and with Prof Jonathan WONG’s agreement, Prof. WONG would represent ECF at TWGH’s Committee. The Secretariat would follow up on the suggestion. (Post-meeting note: Mr. MAN made the above preliminary suggestion at the ECF Committee meeting held on 30.12.2008 and the meeting eventually agreed to start with informal communication platforms with TWGH. Subsequently, the Chairman and Vice-chairmen of TWGH and Members of the ECF Committee had a dinner meeting on 25.2.2009, and the ECF

Committee attended TWGH's launching ceremony on "Move Towards a Green Organisation" on 21.3.2009. TWGH was also invited to share its experience of going green at a gathering with local charities on 24.9.2009. Upon Members' further discussion of Mr. MAN's suggestion and Prof Jonathan WONG's agreement to be the representative from ECF Committee, the Secretariat forwarded the suggestion of having a representative of the ECF Committee to attend meetings of TWGH's Environmental Steering Committee to TWGH for its consideration.)

33. The Chairman said that he noted from the report by the EE&CAPVSC (ECF Paper 48/2009-10) that both TWGH and PLK had submitted funding applications for minor works projects at their schools and service centres. In order to get a better understanding on the progress of these green partners on implementation of the greening programme, he proposed and the meeting agreed to visit TWGH or one of its schools or service centres in the third quarter of 2010.

**Item 10: Financial Position of the ECF
(ECF Paper 44/2009-10)**

34. Miss Eunice CHAN reported the paper which summarised the number of applications and the amount of funds approved by the Committee and various vetting subcommittees from April 2009 to March 2010. During the period, a total of 638 applications involving a total grant of \$276.18 million were approved. As at 28.2.2010, the balance of ECF in bank was \$997 million and the uncommitted balance was \$718 million. Miss Eunice CHAN added that the figures had not taken into account amounts earmarked for various programmes such as Building Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes (BEEFS) and the funding scheme for on-site meal portioning at schools. Ms Anissa WONG asked that the figure reflecting the earmarked funds should be presented for Members' reference. (Post meeting note: After taking into account amounts earmarked for designated programmes and funds committed for approved projects, the remaining balance open to applications outside the designated programmes, as at end of February 2010, was \$235 million.)

**Item 11: Report of the Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee (ECPVSC) from 2009 to 2010
(ECF Paper 45/2009-10)**

35. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the paper which summarised the work of the ECPVSC during the year 2009-10:

- The ECPVSC vetted 1,041 applications for funding support for the Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes (BEEFS) and 54 applications for the Energy Conservation Projects for Non-government Organizations (NGOs).
- A total of 368 applications involving a total grant of \$84.12M were approved, including 346 applications under the BEEFS (\$75,916,027.64) and 22 projects under the Energy Conservation Projects for NGOs (\$8,205,709).

**Item 12: Report of the Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee (RPVSC) from 2009 to 2010
(ECF Paper 46/2009-10)**

36. Ms Winifred CHAN briefed Members on the paper which summarised the work of the RPVSC during 2009-10:

- 38 applications were vetted and 16 projects approved with a total grant of \$14,115,539 (excluding joint funding from the Woo Wheelock Green Fund for two applications with a total grant of \$1,606,075 from the Woo Wheelock Green Fund).
- Taking into account the two mega-sized air studies just endorsed by the Committee, the total number of approved projects would become 18 with a total approved grant of \$27 million. A press release would be arranged to acknowledge the funding by ECF for the two mega-sized air studies.
- The revised funding guidelines for processing new applications in 3 levels would be implemented on 1 April 2010 and research offices of local universities would be notified.

Item 13: Report of the Waste Recovery Projects Vetting Subcommittee (WRPVSC) from 2009 to 2010 (ECF Paper 47/2009-10)

37. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the paper which summarised the work of the WRPVSC in 2009-10:

- 49 applications, including 17 Waste Recovery (WR) projects, 7 applications of Source Separation of Domestic Waste (SSW) projects and 25 On-site Meal Portioning (OMP) projects, were vetted.
- A total of 36 projects (8 WR, 6 SSW and 22 OMP) were approved, with a total approved amount of \$53,733,151.15.
- As regards the two waste processing centres in the EcoPark Phase II, Tuen Mun which two NGOs, namely Yan Oi Tong and St. James' Settlement, had obtained a total funding amount of \$20M to to manage and operate for about three years, the waste plastic processing centre run by Yan Oi Tong had started operation in March 2010 while the WEEE processing centre run by St. James Settlement was expected to commence operation in mid-2010.

Item 14: Report of Environmental Education and Community Action (EE&CA) Projects Vetting Subcommittee from 2009 to 2010 (ECF Paper 48/2009-10)

38. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the paper which summarised the work of the EE&CA Projects Vetting Subcommittee in 2009-10:

- 53 general education projects and 401 minor works projects applications were processed.
- A total of 211 applications were approved involving a total sum of \$74.64 million, including 18 general education projects (\$1.76 million) and 193 minor works projects (\$72.88 million).

Item 15: Report of Environment and Conservation Fund Investment Committee from 2009 to 2010 (ECF Paper 56/2009-10)

39. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the paper which summarised the establishment and work done by the Investment Committee:

- The Investment Committee was set up to (i) set policies for investment of the ECF; and (ii) monitor the local and overseas investment of the ECF.
- Two meetings were held in February 2009 and then January 2010 to define the investment objectives and keep reviewing the investment opportunities. Consideration would be given to start investing in bonds after a further review in the second half of the year
- The Investment Committee also agreed to participate in the trial for the paperless meeting approach.

Agenda Item 16: Date of Next Meeting

40. Members noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 24 June 2010. The Secretariat would confirm with Members the meeting date nearer the time.

41. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

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