

Environment and Conservation Fund
Trustee Report 1999-2000

For Presentation to the Legislative Council
on 1 November 2000.

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**Report by the Trustee on the Administration of
the Environment and Conservation Fund**

This report covers the financial year ending 31 March 2000.

Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF)

2. In the 1993 Policy Address to the Legislative Council, the then Governor proposed to set up the ECF for funding education and research in relation to environmental and conservation matters.

3. The Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance (the Ordinance), which established the ECF, was enacted in June 1994. An initial capital injection of \$50 million was subsequently approved by the Finance Committee. The ECF came into operation in August 1994. In 1998, Finance Committee further approved another \$50 million for the Fund.

Trustee

4. Section 5 of the Ordinance provides for the Secretary for the Environment and Food to act as the trustee of the ECF.

ECF Committee and vetting of applications

5. The ECF Committee, established in accordance with section 7 of the Ordinance, is to advise the trustee on the use of the ECF for the purposes of funding educational, research and other projects and activities in relation to environmental and conservation matters. The Committee consists of a chairman, not more than eight non-official members appointed by the Chief Executive for a term of two years and four ex-officio members. The membership list is on page 6.

6. The ECF Committee has established a vetting sub-committee to consider environmental research and other projects. The sub-committee comprises ECF Committee members and co-opted members from various sectors of the community. The membership list of the ECF Vetting Sub-committee is on page 7.

7. The ECF Committee has entrusted the vetting of educational projects to the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC). The reason for this arrangement is that the ECC has developed the expertise and administrative framework for considering such projects. The membership list of the ECC is on page 8.

8. Both the ECF Vetting Sub-committee and ECC can approve grants up to \$150,000 for a project. For applications exceeding this limit, the recommendations of the relevant vetting bodies have to be endorsed by the ECF Committee.

9. Secretariat services to the ECF Committee and ECF Vetting Sub-committee are provided by the Environment and Food Bureau (EFB), whereas the secretariat service to the ECC are provided by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

10. Applications can be submitted any time using the prescribed application forms, which are available in all district offices, the EFB, the EPD, Wheelock and Company, and Environmental Resource Centres. Vetting is usually done every two months at the Sub-committee and ECC level. The ECF Committee normally meets half yearly to consider the recommendations of the Sub-committee and ECC, although it will meet more frequently if necessary.

Criteria for vetting applications

11. Only applications from non-profit-making bodies and community groups will be considered for funding support. The following broad criteria are used in assessing the merits of individual applications:

- (1) Projects selected for funding support will be expected to contribute to the overall environment of Hong Kong, to raise environmental awareness of the local community, or to mobilise the community to take action to improve the environment.
- (2) The benefits must accrue to the local community as a whole, and not just an individual, a single private organization or a consortium of private companies.
- (3) Projects should be non-profit making in nature. Income derived from a project should be used to further the project's aims.

(4) In considering a project proposal, due consideration will be given to:-

- (a) the benefits that it will bring to Hong Kong's environment, ecology, flora and fauna etc., or the extent to which it will enhance the environmental awareness of the local community;
- (b) whether there is a demonstrable need for the proposed project;
- (c) the technical and project management capability of the applicant;
- (d) whether the proposed project's schedule of implementation is well-planned and the duration reasonable;
- (e) whether the proposed budget is reasonable and realistic;
- (f) whether the proposed project has alternative sources of funding support;
- (g) whether the proposed project should more appropriately be funded by other sources;
- (h) whether there is or likely to be a duplication of the work already or currently carried out by other groups; and
- (i) if recurrent expenditure is incurred, whether the proposed project has potential to become self-sufficient after a certain period of time.

12. To improve the operational efficiency of the ECF, the application approval procedure has been streamlined and more frequent meetings or circulation of applications for endorsement could be arranged as necessary. To enhance the transparency of the ECF operation, the minutes of meetings are made available to the public upon request. Also, an ECF Homepage has been set up on the Internet to allow applicants to download forms and other information, e.g. a list of research projects approved under ECF.

Approved applications

13. From 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000, a total of 186 applications for funding support were considered. Their vetting results are as follows:

(a) applications approved	122
(b) applications approved in principle	2
(c) applications being processed	17
(d) applications rejected	43
(e) applications withdrawn by applicants	2

Total	186
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14. Of the 122 applications, 118 were funded by the ECF with a total committed grant of about \$21.04 million; whereas 4 was jointly funded by the ECF and the Woo Wheelock Green Fund with a grant of \$1,240,580.

15. A list of the approved projects is on pages 9 to 19.

Accounts

16. The balance sheet, the income and expenditure account and the auditor's report for the period between 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000 are on pages 20 to 24.



(Lily Yam)

Secretary for the Environment and Food
Trustee of the Environment and Conservation Fund

17 October 2000

Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
Membership List

(1 April 1999 - 31 March 2000)

Mr. Peter K C Woo, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Dr. Chan Wai-kwan

Mr. Paul Fan Chor-ho, JP

Prof. Brian Sydney Morton

Mr. Stephen Ng Chi-wing, JP

Prof. Nora Tam Fung-yee

Dr. Eric Tsang Po-keung

Dr. John Tse Wing-ling

Mr. Ronnie Wong Man-chiu, JP

Secretary for the Environment and Food, or her representative

Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, or her representative

Director of Education, or her representative

Director of Environmental Protection, or his representative

Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
Vetting Sub-committee

Membership List

(1 April 1999 - 31 March 2000)

Mr. Paul Fan Chor-ho, JP (Convenor)

Prof. Daniel Chan Kwong-on

Ms. Esther Chan Wai-fong

Dr. Chiu Sein-tuck

Ms. Janice Lai Wai-man

Ms. Ralphaelynne C Lee (until August 1999)

Dr. Hung Wing-tat, M.H.

Prof. Brian Sydney Morton

Prof. Nora Tam Fung-yee

Dr. Eric Tsang Po-keung

Representative from Environment and Food Bureau

Representative from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Representative from Environmental Protection Department

Environmental Campaign Committee

Membership List

(1 April 1999 - 31 March 2000)

Mr. Ronnie Wong Man-chiu, JP (Chairman)
Mrs. Pamela Chan Wong-shui, BBS, JP
Dr. Simon Chau Sui-cheong
Prof. Peter Hills
Ms. Betty Ho Siu-fong
Ms. Kay Ku Yin-kay, JP
Ms. Lisa Lam (up to May 1999)
Mrs. Peggy Lam Pei Yu-dja, SBS, JP
Mr. Edwin Lau Che-feng
Mr. Stanley Lee Yat-on
Miss Nisa Leung (up to December 1999)
Mr. Thomas Pang Cheung-wai
Mr. Edward Stokes
Mr. Edwin Tsang Ching-lun
Mr. Raymond Tse Chee-on
Mr. Nigel Watt, JP
Mr. Vincent Wong Po-sum
Mr. Yung Ying-cheuk
Mr. Henry Wu King-cheong, BBS (from January 2000)
Mr. John Fan Kam-ping, BBS, JP (from January 2000)
Secretary for Home Affairs, or his representative
Secretary for the Environment and Food, or her representative
Director of Education, or her representative
Director of Environmental Protection, or his representative
Director of Health, or her representative
Director of Information Services, or his representative

**Projects Approved under
the Environment and Conservation Fund
(1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000)**

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
1.	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	International Conference on Urban Pollution Control Technology	\$51,480.00
2.	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	The Application of Recycled Rubber Components as Noise Barriers	\$149,500.00
3.	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Characterisation of Indoor Air Pollution Emissions from building construction materials by using an environmental chamber	\$149,000.00
4.	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	The Use of Advanced Control to Optimise the Biological Treatment of Piggery Effluent by Sequencing Batch Reactors	\$129,500.00
5.	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	Development of a Simple and Rapid Toxicity Bioassay for Paralytic Shellfish Toxins and Ciguatoxins in Seafood	\$1,274,366.00
6.	The City University of Hong Kong	Awareness & Educational Campaign for the Formation of an Environmentally Responsible Industrial Supply Chain Forum	\$149,800.00
7.	Hong Kong Baptist University	A Study of Heavy Metal and Organochlorine Contamination in Marine Parks using <i>Perna Viridis</i> (green mussels) as a Biomonitor	\$305,600.00
8.	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	Reuse of Waste Glasses in Cement Production – a DEMOS Project	\$127,500.00
9.	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	Biodiversity of Marine Fishes in Hong Kong Waters	\$782,800.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
10.	Hong Kong Baptist University	Third International Conference on Environmental Chemistry and Geochemistry in the Tropics – GEOTROP '99	\$8,800.00
11.	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Conservation of the Native Species in the Magnoliaceae: Micropropagation and Mycorrhization Techniques	\$514,900.00
12.	City University of Hong Kong	A Study of Soft Shore Habitats in Hong Kong for conservation and Education Purposes	\$1,328,822.00
13.	Hong Kong Productivity Council	Research on Vehicles (LPG, Petrol & Diesel) Maintenance Garages and Mechanics' Capability to Comply with Tightened Environmental and Safety Requirements	\$589,380.00
14.	Produce Green Foundation	Organic Rice House	\$29,800.00
15.	Asbury Methodist Social Service and Tuen Mun Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School	Youth Farmer Scheme	\$19,500.00
16.	Green Power	Green Summer School	\$131,624.00
17.	Green Power	Tree Planting For Clean Air '99	\$141,136.00
18.	HKYWCA Tuen Mun Integrated Social Service Centre	Family Green Walk	\$8,485.00
19.	St. Catherine's School For Girls, Kwun Tong	Environmental Conservancy Programmes	\$25,230.00
20.	A Better Living Environment (Hong Kong) Charity Limited	GASP - A Guide to a Cleaner Greener Hong Kong	\$150,000.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
21.	Methodist Centre	Carnival of Environmental Protection Movement 2000	\$77,442.00
22.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	Summer Environmental Action	\$25,516.80
23.	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Hong Ling Foundation for the Well - Being of the Elderly Limited	"Hong Kong Is Our Home, Protect It Together" Variety Show cum Carnival	\$19,095.80
24.	Young Women's Christian Association Wong Tai Sin Social Service Centre	Nature Adventure Touch	\$9,970.00
25.	Hong Kong Playground Association	"Green Ambassadors" Project	\$38,040.00
26.	The 32nd Joint School Science Exhibition Preparation Committee	The 32nd Joint School Science Exhibition	\$40,000.00
27.	Caritas Children & Youth Centre - Lei Muk Shue	Green Project	\$47,598.10
28.	Hong Kong Junior Chamber	Environmental Project 2000	\$53,984.00
29.	World Wide Fund For Nature Hong Kong	'Wetland Insect Watch' - Mai Po - Pilot Phase 1999	\$129,999.20
30.	E.C.F.S.C.C.L. Bradbury Student Development Centre	Let's Create a New Green World	\$24,488.80
31.	The Conservancy Association	Recycling - Set It Right at the Beginning	\$80,000.00
32.	Hong Kong Christian Service Tsimshatsui Social Centre For The Elderly	Healthy Living Campaign Towards the 21st Century - Environmental Protection Project For the Youth & Aged	\$16,478.40

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
33.	Island Junior Chamber	'Hong Kong, Our City, Our Home' Youth Photo Contest 1999	\$9,000.00
34.	The Conservancy Association	Know More about Hong Kong's Nature	\$136,900.00
35.	HKYWCA Wong Tai Sin Social Service Centre	Green Trip	\$5,352.30
36.	Sha Tin District Summer Youth Programme Co-ordinating Committee	Eco-visits, Half-day camp and Photo Exhibition for Environmental Conservation	\$19,408.20
37.	The Salvation Army Chuk Yuen Children & Youth Centre	Coast Ecologist	\$3,172.90
38.	The Salvation Army Chuk Yuen Children & Youth Centre	Little Green Farmer	\$1,995.00
39.	Green Power	Green Power - CD-ROM of Hong Kong Endangered Wildlife Reserve	\$149,100.00
40.	Green Power	Hong Kong Green Outdoor Activities Guide	\$149,280.00
41.	Green Power	Green Exchange Square	\$99,840.00
42.	Friends of the Earth	Waste Recycling in Housing Estates (III)	\$100,000.00
43.	The C & M Alliance Wah Kee Youth Centre	Environmental Protection Kids	\$20,100.00
44.	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Shaukiwan Children & Youth Center cum Study / Reading Room	Green Creative Movement	\$16,920.00
45.	S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre	All Families Save the Earth	\$26,390.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
46.	The Conservancy Association	Waste Recycling Needs Your Support	\$100,000.00
47.	PLK Tang Yuk Tien College	Summer Activities - In touch with the Nature	\$19,920.00
48.	Chinese Y.M.C.A. of Hong Kong Hin Keng Centre (Integrated Team)	Green Plants' Project	\$9,500.00
49.	Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School	Environmental Protection Campaign to the 21st Century	\$37,830.00
50.	The Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society	The Sounds of Hong Kong's Underwater World	\$128,625.00
51.	PLK Tang Yuk Tien College	Little Alliance for Health	\$1,461.50
52.	The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong - Lok Fu Hostel	New Rhythm of Environmental Protection	\$10,323.80
53.	Sha Tin Junior Chamber	Environmental Protection Web Page Design Competition for Secondary School Students	\$30,000.00
54.	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tin Shui Children & Youth Centre cum Study and Reading Room	Journey of Sustainable Development	\$70,995.00
55.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Sheung Shui Social Service Centre	Environmental Protection Starts with Me	\$1,611.60
56.	Council of YMCAs of Hong Kong Environmental Education Group	YMCA Green Youth Ambassador Scheme 1999/2000	\$71,700.00
57.	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	Hong Kong Environmental Profile CD-ROM Launch and Evaluation	\$115,100.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
58.	Centre for the Research of Faith Ltd	1999 Green Environmental Protection Month	\$44,080.00
59.	Green Power	I Am a Green Reporter	\$121,688.00
60.	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	Pandas and People	\$148,500.00
61.	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Social Service Department Tze Fung Elderly Centre	To Enjoy the Better Environment	\$4,732.00
62.	South Horizons Women's Association	Environmental Protection Programmes in the Southern District '99	\$84,420.00
63.	Lung Kong World Federation School Limited Lau Tak Yung Memorial Primary School	Environmental Protection Carnival	\$7,350.00
64.	Student Environmental Protection Ambassadors' Alumni Club	Inter-School Environment Challenge	\$86,455.00
65.	The Incorporated Trustees of the International Marinelife Alliance Hong Kong	1999 International Coastal Cleanup	\$39,050.00
66.	Link the World	To Support Environment Protection, I Can Do It	\$29,040.00
67.	Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School	Implement Environmental Education in the Subject, Integrated Science & Biology	\$3,920.00
68.	Hong Kong Technical College (Chai Wan) Students' Union	Environmental game for O'camp	\$3,800.00
69.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Ma On Shan (North) C & Y Service Centre	The Generation	\$13,000.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
70.	S.T.F.A. Wu Siu Kui Memorial Primary School P.M.	Pollution Free Picnic	\$2,000.00
71.	Leo Club of South Kowloon	Environmental Protection Campaign 2000	\$120,000.00
72.	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre-Methodist Epworth Children and youth Centre	Environmental Protection Christmas Card Design Competition	\$18,900.00
73.	TIACC Woo Hon Fai Secondary School - "Friends of the Earth" Club	Green and You	\$15,000.00
74.	St. Paul's Secondary School Ecology Club	"Going for Green" Carnival	\$3,554.00
75.	Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management	Sustainable Communities: Planning Wan Chai through Community Perspectives	\$111,200.00
76.	Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School	Know More about 4R1C	\$14,450.00
77.	Hong Kong Conservation Photography Foundation	Chinese Translation, Hong Kong's Wild Places, Education Exhibition & Workshops, March 2000	\$148,000.00
78.	Green Power	Green Property Management Course for Estate Manager	\$105,000.00
79.	Green Power	"Our Lovely Countryside" Photography Competition	\$125,000.00
80.	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	World Wetlands Day 2000 - Help Rescue Critically Endangered Black-faced Spoonbills by Conserving Hong Kong's Wetlands	\$125,000.00
81.	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Kai Memorial College	A Visit to Shatin Sewage Treatment Works	\$1,230.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
82.	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Kai Memorial College	A Visit to Pup School Coast Ecology	\$3,500.00
83.	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School	Mo Mo Plan	\$5,000.00
84.	Hong Kong Federation of Women	Build up the Green towards Millennium	\$75,000.00
85.	China Polar Museum Foundation	Polar Showcase	\$70,000.00
86.	Green Power	Tree Planting For Clean Air 2000	\$35,000.00
87.	Baptist Wing Lung Secondary School	Anti-Pollution Greening Project	\$49,560.00
88.	Green Power	Environmental Impact Practical Training for Teachers	\$119,760.00
89.	The Organizing Committee of Hong Kong Tree Planting Day	Hong Kong Tree Planting Day	\$100,000.00
90.	Central & Western District Development & Research Centre	Millennium Green Community Activities	\$10,000.00
91.	The Evergreen Elderly Volunteer Group of Group Work Unit/Social Welfare Department/Shun Lee Est. Community Centre	The New Environmentalists in the New Millennium	\$27,200.00
92.	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	Let's Go Insect Watching Project Phase 1 – Production of Let's Go Insect-Watching Kit Drama Performance by Augustine Drama Group "The Dream World"	\$149,050.00
93.	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Bridges Street C&Y Centre	What Is Environmental Protection Mistreated Junior Chamber	\$10,000.00

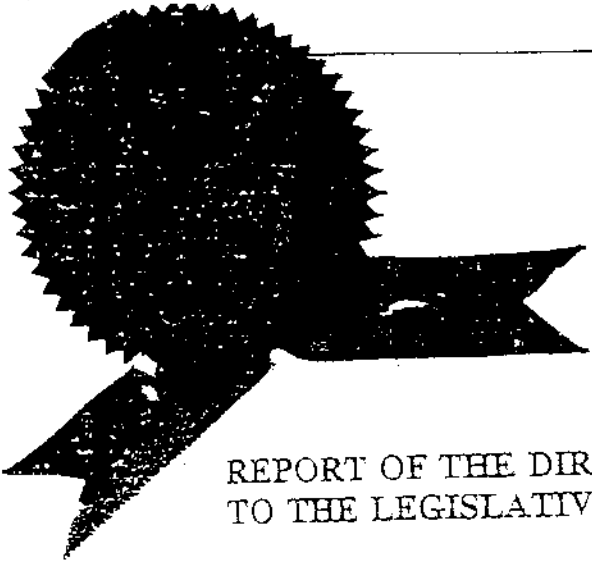
	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
94.	Hans Andersen Club Ltd	Greenish Dream World	\$33,080.00
95.	A Better Living Environment (Hong Kong) Charity Limited	Earth Day 2000 Carnival	\$100,000.00
96.	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung Outreaching Social Work Team (II)	Unplug Fashion Show	\$20,336.00
97.	Wilson T.S. Wang Multi-service Centre for the Elderly	Elderly Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme	\$15,697.00
98.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong Shatin Multi-service Centre for the Elderly	"Conservation Superstar" Project	\$19,416.00
99.	The 33rd Joint School Science Exhibition Preparation Committee	The 33rd Joint School Science Exhibition	\$30,000.00
100.	Young Women's Christian Association - Wong Tai Sin Social Service Centre	Nature Adventure Touch	\$3,810.00
101.	Young Women's Christian Association - Wong Tai Sin Social Service Centre	Green Spirit	\$9,370.00
102.	The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong - Lok Fu Hostel	Heart in Environmental Fun	\$11,690.00
103.	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Kwong Fuk Centre	Green Revolution 2000	\$20,000.00
104.	The Jockey Club Eduyoung College	Millenium Environmental Protection Carnival (Yuen Long/Tin Shui Wai)	\$40,000.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
105.	Green Power	"Hong Kong Rivers and their Management" CD-ROM	\$148,800.00
106.	Environmental Campaign Committee	1999/2000 Schools Environmental Award Scheme cum Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme	\$2,240,000.00
107.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Sharing Sessions for School Heads on Promotion of Environmental Education	\$90,000.00
108.	Environmental Campaign Committee	World Environment Day 1999	\$570,000.00
109.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Environmental Protection Festival 1999	\$1,320,000.00
110.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Production of ECCO Monthly Bulletin	\$1,120,000.00
111.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Best ECF Awards for Environmental Education and Community Action Projects	\$20,000.00
112.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Tree Planting Day 2000 Activities	\$100,000.00
113.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Green Living Campaign	\$930,000.00
114.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Waste Recycling in Housing Estate (Phase III)	\$2,770,000.00
115.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Scout Environmental Protection Ambassadors Scheme	\$570,000.00
116.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Junior Police Call Environmental Protection Ambassadors Scheme	\$100,000.00
117.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Leo-club Environmental Protection Ambassadors Scheme	\$170,000.00

	Applicant	Project Title	Approved Amount
118.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Hong Kong Girl Guides Environmental Protection Ambassadors Scheme (Pilot Scheme)	\$100,000.00
119.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Study on Effectiveness of EE & CA Subsidized Environmental Projects	\$250,000.00
120.	Environmental Campaign Committee	1999 Hong Kong Eco-Business Awards	\$980,000.00
121.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Hong Kong Green School Award for 1999/2000	\$300,000.00
122.	Environmental Campaign Committee	Waste Paper Recycling Scheme in Universities	\$200,000.00
Total :			\$22,275,979.40

Note :

Projects 8, 10, 11 and 13 jointly funded by the ECF and the WWGF on a 50/50 basis.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

I have audited the attached financial statements which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts.

Respective responsibilities of the Secretary for the Environment and Food and the Director of Audit

Under the provisions of section 8(1) of the Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance (Cap. 450), the Secretary for the Environment and Food is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. In preparing the financial statements, the Secretary for the Environment and Food has to select appropriate accounting policies and to apply them consistently.

It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my audit, on those statements and to report my opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

I certify that I have audited the financial statements referred to above in accordance with the provisions of section 8(2) of the Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance and the Audit Commission auditing standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Secretary for the Environment and Food in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Environment and Conservation Fund, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

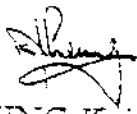
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I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the state of affairs of the Environment and Conservation Fund as at 31 March 2000 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of section 8(1) of the Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance.

Audit Commission
Hong Kong
10 August 2000


(LEUNG Kui-yuen, Patrick)
Assistant Director of Audit
for Director of Audit

Environment and Conservation Fund

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2000

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
Assets		
Bank deposits	48,154,743	67,298,822
Interest receivable	146,951	214,845
Cash at bank	<u>46,017</u>	<u>56,336</u>
	<u>48,347,711</u>	<u>67,570,003</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated fund		
Balance at 1 April 1999	67,570,003	75,230,642
Deficit for the year	<u>(19,222,292)</u>	<u>(7,660,639)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2000	<u>48,347,711</u>	<u>67,570,003</u>

The annexed notes 1 to 4 form part of these accounts.



(Yam Kwan Pui-ying, Lily)
Secretary for the Environment and Food
Trustee of the Environment and Conservation Fund

Environment and Food Bureau
Government Secretariat
Hong Kong
24 June 2000

Environment and Conservation Fund

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2000

	Note	2000	1999
		\$	\$
Income			
Interest		<u>3,046,311</u>	<u>5,499,512</u>
Less: Expenditure			
Grants to Environmental Campaign Committee	3	19,136,390	8,680,000
Grants for Environmental research and other projects		<u>3,131,713</u>	<u>4,480,151</u>
		<u>22,268,603</u>	<u>13,160,151</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>(19,222,292)</u>	<u>7,660,659</u>

The annexed notes 1 to 4 form part of these accounts.

Environment and Conservation Fund
Notes on the Accounts

1. General

The Environment and Conservation Fund accounts are prepared in accordance with section 8(1) of the Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance (Cap. 450). The Fund was established for the purposes of funding educational, research and other projects and activities in relation to environmental and conservation matters in accordance with section 4 of the Environment and Conservation Fund Ordinance.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Basis for preparation of accounts

The accounts are kept on an accrual basis.

(b) Revenue recognition

(i) Contribution from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is recognized on actual receipt.

(ii) Interest income from bank deposits is recognized on a time apportioned basis based on the principal amounts outstanding at the applicable interest rates.

3. Grants

Grants to the Environmental Campaign Committee for funding its core activities and projects undertaken by other non-profit making organizations are treated as payments in the Environment and Conservation Fund accounts. As at 31 March 2000, an unspent balance of \$9,762,505 was held by the Environmental Campaign Committee:

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Balance at 1 April 1999	4,856,997	6,490,745
Add: Grants made during the year	19,136,890	8,680,000
Interest received during the year	633,142	575,700
	<u>19,770,032</u>	<u>9,255,700</u>
	24,627,029	15,746,445
Less: Payments during the year	<u>14,864,524</u>	<u>10,889,448</u>
Balance at 31 March 2000	<u>9,762,505</u>	<u>4,856,997</u>

4. Contingent liabilities

There is a contingent liability of \$3,448,236 as at 31 March 2000, being the outstanding balance of approved grants payable to organizations subject to satisfactory progress or completion of the relevant projects.