

**Project 14/2005 - International Conference on Environmental and Public
Health Management: Aquaculture and Environment**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' advice on funding the captioned application for ECF made by the Hong Kong Baptist University.

Background

2. The funding requested by this application is \$48,000.00 to subsidize 40 local postgraduate students to attend a locally organized international conference.

3. The International Conference on Environmental and Public Health Management: Aquaculture and Environment would be held on 7 to 9 December 2006. The conference will consist of lectures given by international experts, presentations from participants from different countries and poster displays. It is envisaged that the information gathered in this conference will serve as valuable references for developing the guidelines for "Good Aquaculture Practices" or "Organic Fish Farming" for aquacultural industries in South China (including Hong Kong).

4. The applicant considers that the attendance of local postgraduate students at the Conference would enable them to be enlightened by the international experts. The registration fee is HK\$1,200.00 per head and the applicant is applying to the ECF for subsidizing 40 local postgraduate students. The name list of the keynote speakers is provided at Section 19 of the project proposal.

5. The Research Project Vetting Subcommittee (RPVSC) had previously approved funding to support student participation of locally organized international conference in ECF Projects 27/2003 and 12/2004. The sponsorship level was capped at \$800.00 for each student who would actively participate at the conference. The grant was disbursed on a reimbursement basis and participating students were required to submit a report after the Conference. The extract of the minutes of meetings of the RPVSC held on 3 June 2004 and 2 December 2004 which remarked

the approval to the ECF Projects 27/2003 and 12/2004 are attached at the Annex A and B respectively for Members' reference.

Advice sought

6 Members are invited to advise whether the application for ECF to support local students' participation in international conferences as detailed in paragraphs 2 to 4 above should be supported. If supported, members are invited to consider the exact amount of grant approved, i.e. \$800 sponsorship or a revised level of sponsorship for each participant in the conference.

**Secretariat, ECF Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee
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