

Judiciary

Environmental Report 2002

Message from the Judiciary Administrator

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility. Within the Judiciary, green management remains one of our priority concerns. Last year, we introduced a few initiatives to create a greener environment at the workplace. Feedbacks so far received from the court users and staff have been positive generally. We shall continue with these initiatives in 2003. In particular, we shall put greater efforts to reduce electricity consumption, an area which we had not done too well in 2002.

I hope you will enjoy reading this report.

Wilfred Tsui
Judiciary Administrator



Our Environmental Goal and Policy

We are committed to ensuring that our operations are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner -

Minimization of Consumption

By promotion and practice of 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, we aim to minimize consumption of paper and natural resources.

Green Purchase

We support environmentally responsible purchasing.

Promoting Staff Awareness

We organize activities and seminars from time to time to promote staff awareness on environmental protection.

Regular Review

We regularly review practices to seek continual improvement on environmental protection.



Our Environmental Measures in 2002




In addition to continuing with such initiatives as providing green plants to offices, making the High Court canteen a non-smoking canteen and providing separate bins for collecting paper, plastic bottles and aluminum, we have taken a few other green measures in 2002. Some of them are elaborated below -

Formation of a Work Improvement Team (WIT)

A WIT, comprising of venue managers of Courts Buildings has been formed to work on reducing electricity consumption.

Exploring energy-saving measures with Electricity and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD)

We have been working closely with EMSD in the drive for energy saving and in identifying opportunities where we can further economise on energy consumption without affecting our operational efficiency. Improvement measures taken include -

-  using fluorescent tubes with electronic ballasts
-  installing individual switches for the air-conditioning system for individual chambers
-  installing motion detectors for courtrooms and corridor lighting.

We will continue to explore with EMSD on other improvement areas where further energy saving measures can be achieved.

Setting up of Central Recycling Centers

Central recycling centers have been set up in 10 Judiciary premises. The centers serve as a single point for collecting single-side used paper and used envelopes and redistributing them to other offices within the same building for reuse.

Launch of Judiciary On-line Telephone Directory

With the launch of Judiciary On-line Telephone Directory in September 2002, we discontinued the publication of Judiciary Telephone Directory in paper form, which consumed over 67,000 sheets of A4 paper for each of the two publications every year.

Extending the coverage of internet access and emails among staff

More staff are provided with internet access and email accounts to enable them using electronic means instead of paper for dissemination and sharing information.

Year	No. of staff	Access to internet		Intranet email		Internet email	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2001	1,734	350	20	850	49	350	20
2002	1,711	1,500	88	1,100	64	500	29

No-smoking Competition

A No-smoking competition was conducted. Staff were invited to propose measures to encourage court users not to smoke in Judiciary premises. The winning entries were displayed in a subsequent exhibition which lasted for two weeks.



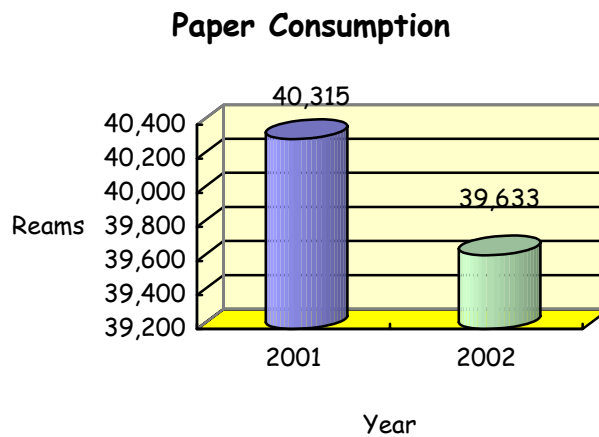
Our Environmental Performance vs Targets for 2002

Paper Consumption (Target : 2% Reduction)



With the efforts of all staff in the Judiciary, the total paper consumption has further reduced by 2% when compared with 2001.

Target achieved

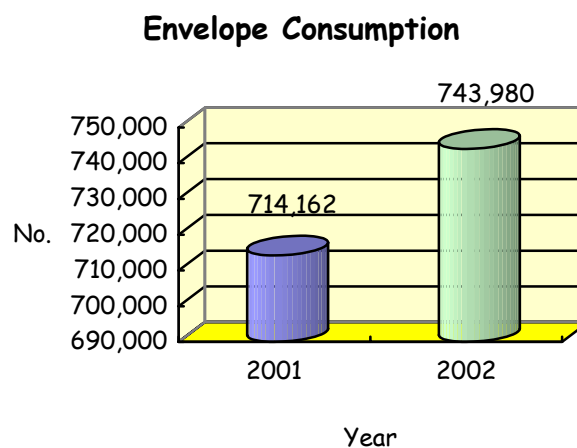


Envelope Consumption (Target : 2% Reduction)



The total envelope consumption has increased by 4% when compared with 2001. This is attributed to the increase of caseloads in the High Court, District Court and some Tribunals.

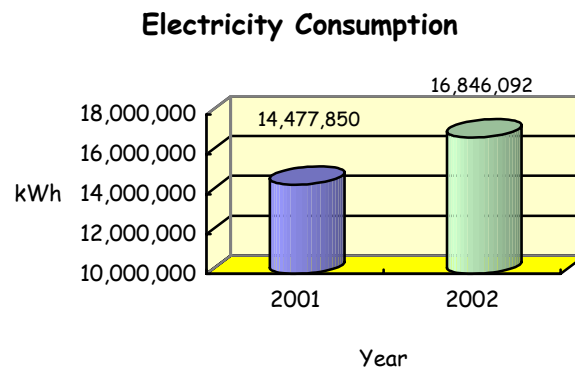
Target not achieved



Electricity Consumption (Target : 1% Reduction)

The total electricity consumption has increased by 16% when compared with 2001. This is mainly due to the commencement of operation in July 2002 of the new Fanling Law Courts Building which is a much bigger building than the old Fanling Magistracy Building. A Work Improvement Team has been set up to explore and implement practical measures to reduce electricity consumption.

Target not achieved



Waste Paper Collection (Target : 2% Increase)

The volume of waste paper collection has increased by 2% as compared with 2001.

Target achieved








Our Environmental Targets for 2003





Potential Areas for Improvement

We are committed to making further improvements, particularly in respect of the following areas -

-  Encouraging greater and more direct participation by Green Executives and respective venue managers in all green initiatives.
-  With the assistance of the Work Improvement Team and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, drawing up specific and effective measures to cut down electricity consumption.
-  Organizing at least two activities to promote staff awareness and participation in protecting the environment.

Targets for 2003

We aim at achieving the following targets in 2003 -

-  2.5% reduction in paper consumption
-  1.5% reduction in envelope consumption
-  1.5% reduction in electricity consumption
-  2% increase in waste paper collection



Your Comments

Your comments on this report are most welcomed. Please write to our Green Manager at Judiciary, LG2, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong or communicate with us at <http://www.info.gov.hk/jud>.

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