

Innovation and Technology Fund

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT



Audit Commission

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Independent Audit Report To the President of the Legislative Council

I certify that I have examined and audited the financial statements of the Innovation and Technology Fund set out on pages 72 to 76, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2015, and the statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Director of Accounting Services' responsibility for the financial statements

In accordance with section 16(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2), the Director of Accounting Services is responsible for the compilation and supervision of the accounts of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, for the management of accounting operations and procedures, and for ensuring that all regulations, directions or instructions made or given under the Public Finance Ordinance relating thereto and in respect of the safe custody of public moneys and its accounting are complied with.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with section 12(1) of the Audit Ordinance (Cap. 122) and the Audit Commission auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the Director of Accounting Services, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Innovation and Technology Fund for the year ended 31 March 2015 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Public Finance Ordinance and section 11(1) of the Audit Ordinance.

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Director of Audit

27 October 2015

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Assets			
Investments with the Exchange Fund	3	987,214	1,811,225
Cash and bank balances		183	591
		<u>987,397</u>	<u>1,811,816</u>
Representing:			
Fund Balance			
Balance at beginning of year		1,811,816	2,379,088
Deficit for the year		(824,419)	(567,272)
Balance at end of year	4	<u>987,397</u>	<u>1,811,816</u>

Notes 1 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

Martin SIU
Director of Accounting Services
20 August 2015



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances at beginning of year		591	9,109
Receipts	5	57,022	165,140
Payments	6	(881,441)	(732,412)
Deficit for the year		(824,419)	(567,272)
Other cash movements	7	824,011	558,754
Cash and bank balances at end of year		183	591

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Martin SIU
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20 August 2015



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Purpose and Legislation

The Innovation and Technology Fund finances projects that contribute to innovation and technology upgrading in the manufacturing and service industries, as well as those that contribute to the upgrading and development of the manufacturing and service industries. It was established with effect from 30 June 1999 by a Resolution (hereinafter referred to as the Resolution) passed by the Legislative Council under section 29(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) on the same date.

2. Accounting Policy

The accounts of the Innovation and Technology Fund are kept on a cash basis. Transactions are recorded when moneys are received or paid.

3. Investments with the Exchange Fund

- (i) These are investments made under paragraph 6 of the Resolution.
- (ii) The investments represent the cost of investments together with the investment income received in the year being reported. Effective from 1 April 2007, the investment income is calculated on the basis of the average annual investment return of the Exchange Fund's Investment Portfolio for the past six years or the average annual yield of three-year Exchange Fund Notes for the previous year subject to a minimum of zero percent, whichever is the higher. The annual investment income is receivable on 31 December of each year.
- (iii) Pursuant to the Financial Secretary's directive in December 2014, the HK\$57 million investment income for the calendar year 2014 was set aside and retained within the Exchange Fund as provision for the Housing Reserve, and not received on 31 December 2014. As explained in the 2015-16 Budget Speech, the Housing Reserve is to provide financial resources to meet the ten-year public housing supply target. The investment income retained within the Exchange Fund earns the same rate of investment return as stipulated in (ii) above and shall be receivable on a date as determined by the Financial Secretary.

4. Commitments

The approved grants that were unpaid were as follows:

	2015	2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Grants	1,438,377	1,232,445

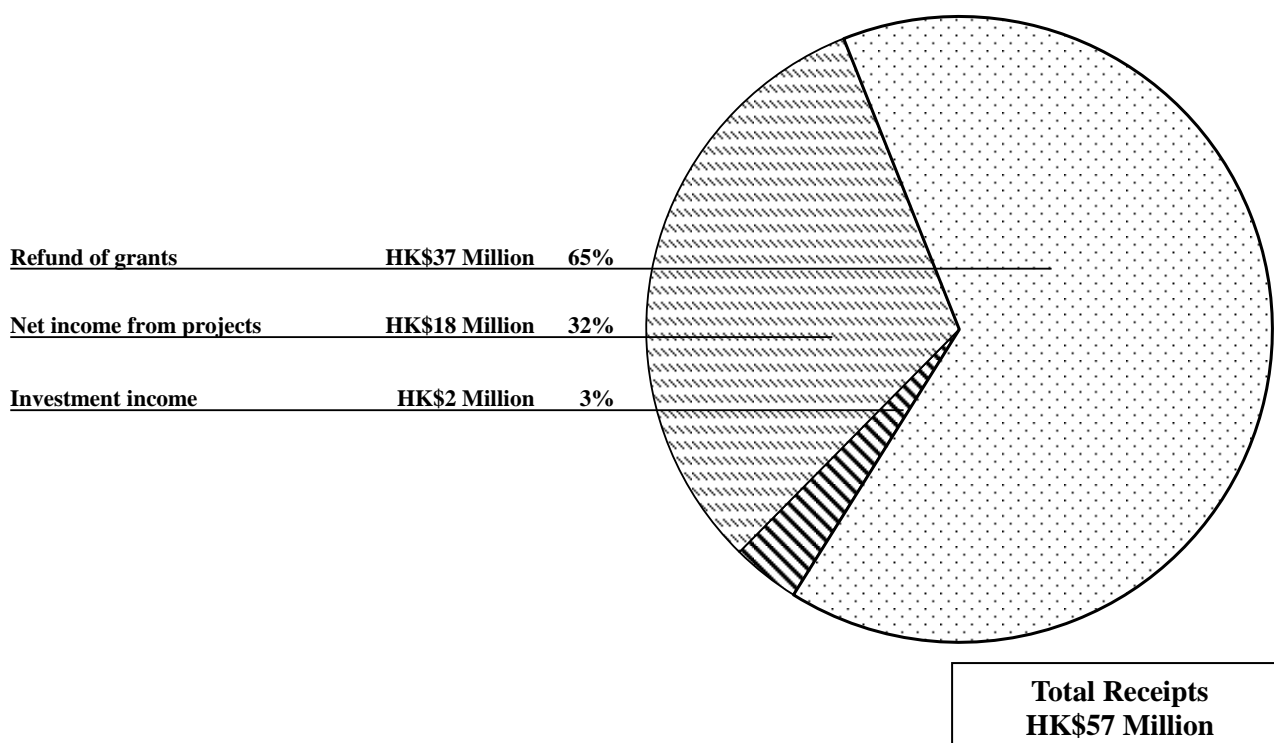
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5. Receipts

	2015		2014
	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000
Investment income			
Investments with the Exchange Fund (Note (i) below)	-	-	112,079
Others	-	1,536	1,808
	56,000	1,536	113,887
Net income from projects	14,925	18,446	8,424
Refund of grants	-	37,040	42,829
	70,925	57,022	165,140

- (i) The HK\$57 million investment income for the calendar year 2014 was set aside and retained within the Exchange Fund as provision for the Housing Reserve, and not received on 31 December 2014.

Analysis of Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2015



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6. Payments

	2015		2014
	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000
Grants	881,780	881,441	732,412

Further analysis of grants appears on page 223 of the Supporting Statements.

7. Other Cash Movements

These are cash movements arising from changes in other assets and liabilities:

	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
Reduction in Assets		
Investments with the Exchange Fund	824,011	558,754

Receipts, Payments and Fund Balance for the years ended 31 March 2006 to 2015

HK\$ Million

