

Disaster Relief 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 Disaster Relief Fund set out on pages 56 to 60, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2011, 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 Disaster Relief Fund for the year ended 31 March 2011 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Public Finance Ordinance and section 11(1) of the Audit Ordinance.

Benjamin Tang
Director of Audit

25 October 2011

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2011

	Note	2011 HK\$'000	2010 HK\$'000
Assets			
Investments with the Exchange Fund	3	<u>35,071</u>	<u>8,014</u>
Representing:			
Fund Balance			
Balance at beginning of year		8,014	36,455
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>27,057</u>	<u>(28,441)</u>
Balance at end of year		<u>35,071</u>	<u>8,014</u>

Notes 1 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Mrs Lesley Y C WONG
Director of Accounting Services
25 August 2011



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

	Note	2011 HK\$'000	2010 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances at beginning of year		-	-
Revenue	4	381,109	70,469
Expenditure	5	(354,052)	(98,910)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		27,057	(28,441)
Other cash movements	6	(27,057)	28,441
Cash and bank balances at end of year		-	-

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Director of Accounting Services
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Purpose and Legislation

The Disaster Relief Fund provides a ready mechanism for Hong Kong to respond swiftly to international appeals for humanitarian aid in relief of disasters that occur outside Hong Kong. It was established with effect from 1 December 1993 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 Disaster Relief 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 (i) of the Resolution. They represent the cost of investments together with interest of HK\$3.5 million received in the year ended 31 March 2011.
- (ii) Effective from 1 April 2007, the return on the investments 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.

4. Revenue

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	
	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000
Investment income	2,000	3,506	2,199
Transfer from General Revenue	47,000	377,000	59,200
Refund of grants	46	603	9,070
	<u>49,046</u>	<u>381,109</u>	<u>70,469</u>

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5. Expenditure

	2011 Actual HK\$'000	2010 Actual HK\$'000
Relief programmes for:		
drought victims in the Mainland	138,511	1,400
earthquake victims in the Mainland	120,920	2,090
mudslide victims in the Mainland	50,000	-
flood victims in the Mainland	22,221	7,090
flood victims in Pakistan	9,950	-
earthquake victims in New Zealand	6,150	-
typhoon victims in the Philippines	3,000	10,120
flood victims in Sri Lanka	2,000	-
earthquake victims in Japan	1,000	-
flood victims in India	300	-
typhoon victims in Taiwan	-	55,000
earthquake victims in Haiti	-	8,000
earthquake victims in Indonesia	-	5,410
cyclone victims in India	-	2,800
cyclone victims in Bangladesh	-	2,500
snowstorm victims in the Mainland	-	2,500
earthquake victims in Chile	-	2,000
	<u>354,052</u>	<u>98,910</u>

6. Other Cash Movements

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

	2011 HK\$'000	2010 HK\$'000
(Increase)/Reduction in Assets:		
Investments with the Exchange Fund	<u>(27,057)</u>	<u>28,441</u>

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Revenue, Expenditure and Fund Balance for the years ended 31 March 2002 to 2011

