



Civil Aid Service 民眾安全服務隊 Environmental Report 2006

Introduction

This report sets out the environmental policy and commitments and progress on green measures taken in the Civil Aid Service (CAS) during the reporting period. We are conscious of the global concern and awareness of environmental protection and supporting government policies on the subject.

CAS Department and Volunteer Service

2. The CAS volunteer service is a uniformed and disciplined government-financed, auxiliary emergency organization under the purview of Security Bureau. The CAS assists the full-time emergency forces in a wide range of tasks like mountain search and rescue, countryside patrolling and vegetation fire fighting, flood rescue and typhoon rescue. CAS also provides non-emergency community services during peace time. It has an establishment of 3 634 adult volunteers recruited from all walks of life. The CAS also runs a youth service viz: the Cadet Corps, which comprises 3 232 young people aged from 12 to 17.

3. The CAS volunteer service is supported by the CAS department of 108 full-time civil servants and contract staff for its administration, training and logistics. In August 2006, the CAS Headquarters was moved from Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay to To Wah Road, Yau Ma Tei whereas the CAS Hong Kong Training Centre was situated at 12 Tung Lo Wan Drive, Moreton Terrace, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. The CAS Kowloon Training Centre at Kowloon City, and the CAS Cadet Training Centre at Hung Hom were vacated and pending for return to the Government. There are two CAS training camps in Tsing Lau Tau and Sai Kung, New Territories.

Environmental Goal

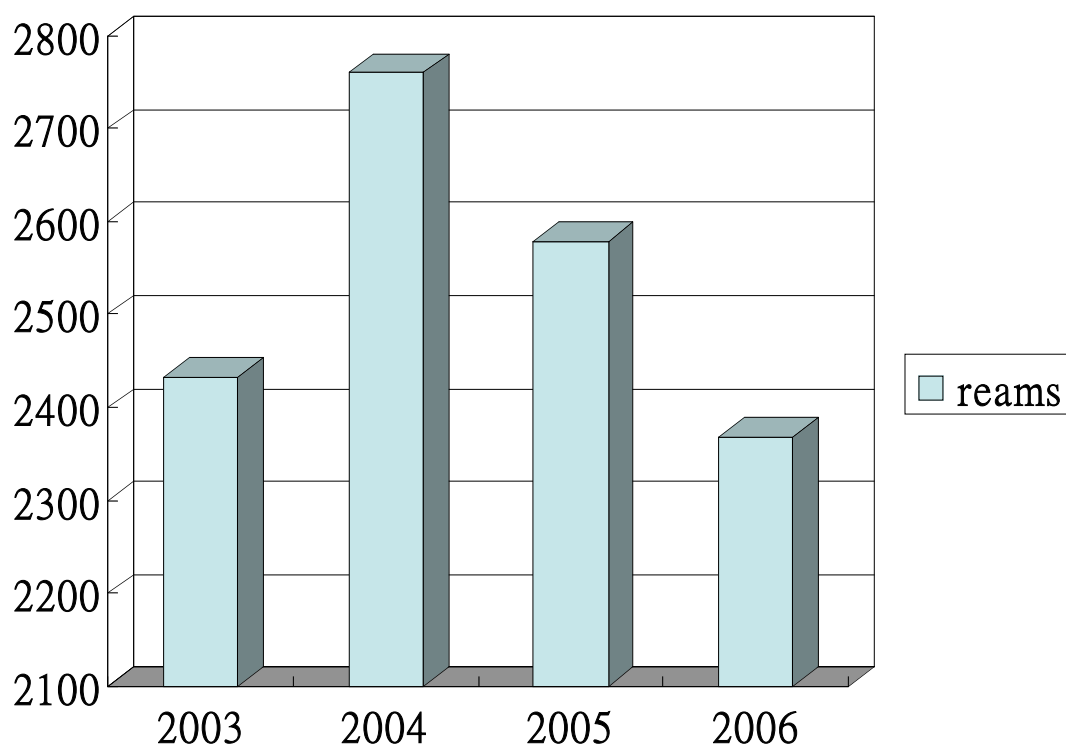
4. CAS is committed to ensuring that the operations of the department are conducted in a manner conducive to the promotion of a healthy and sustainable environment.

Resources Consumption

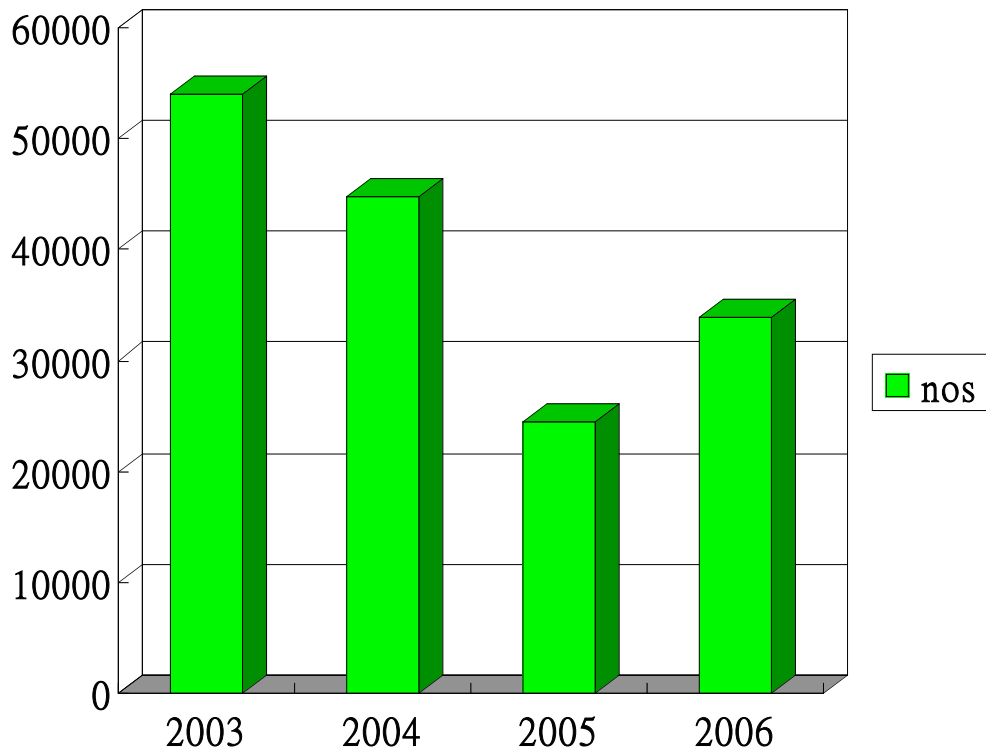
5. The resources consumption of 2003 – 2006 is summarized as follows.

| Consumption Items | Consumption Period | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| (a) Paper (reams) | 2433 | 2760 | 2579 | 2368 |
| (b) Envelope (nos.) | 53959 | 44765 | 24405 | 33973 |
| (c) Electricity(kwh) | 1049168 | 1281365 | 1033142 | 1668438 |
| (d) Fuel (litres) | 66132 | 61054 | 62463 | 71519 |

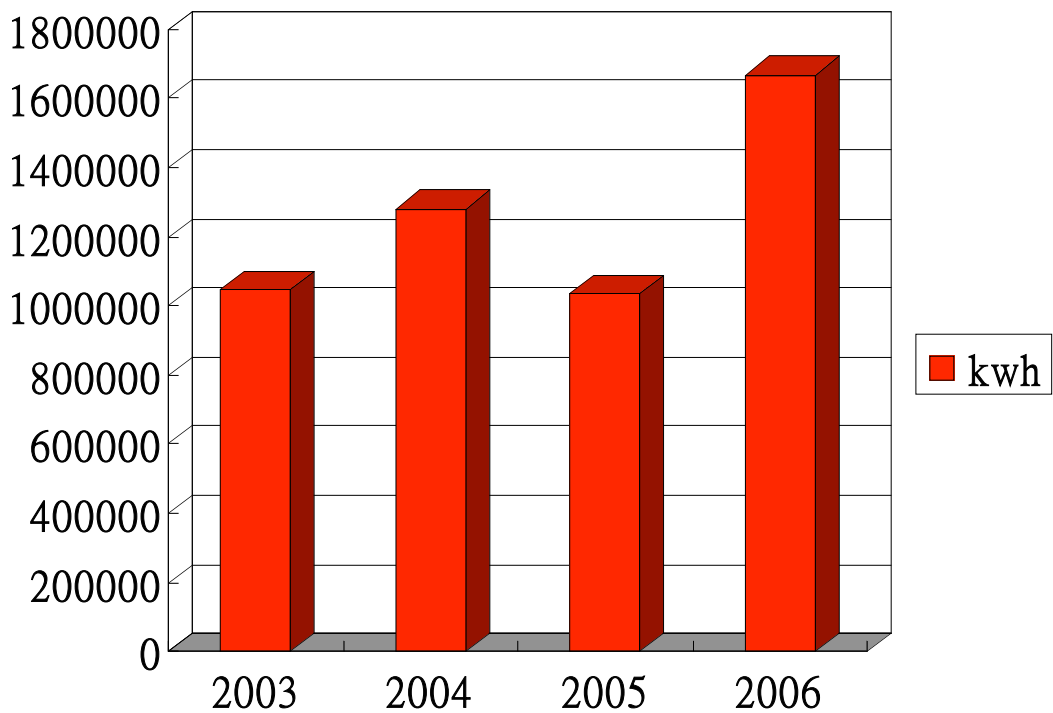
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(b) Envelope Consumption 2003 – 2006

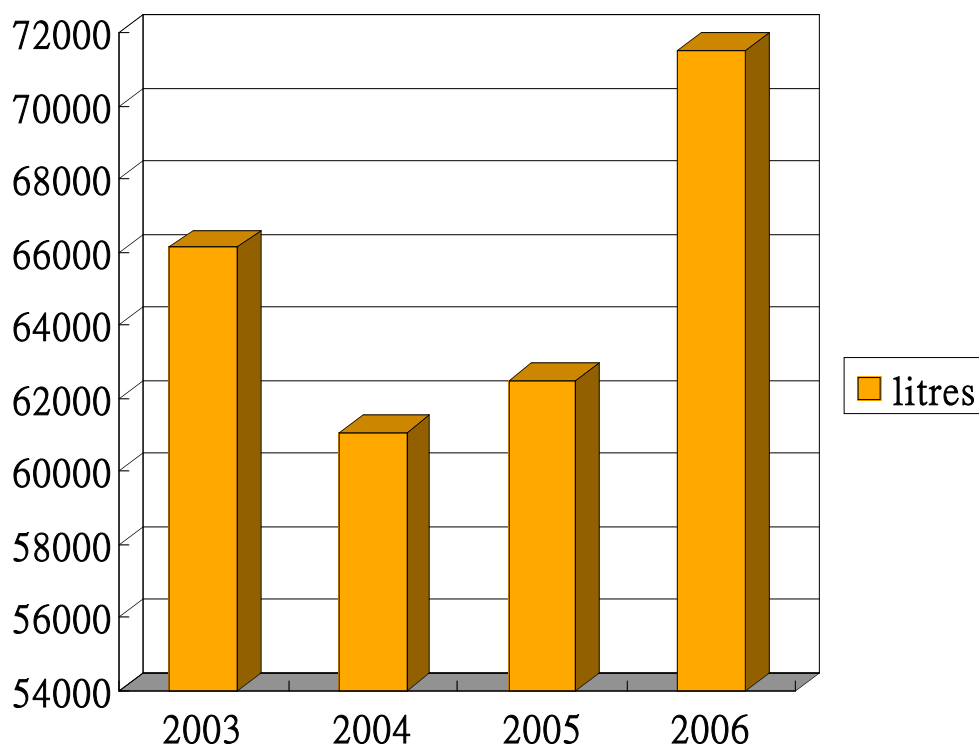


(c) Electricity Consumption 2003 -2006



Note : Electricity consumption raised in 2006 because of the basic requirement of the new air-conditioning system in the new CASHQ Building.

(d) Vehicle Fuel Consumption 2003 -2006



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Green Management

6. CAS has adopted the following green measures to achieve our environmental goal.

- a. Instilling the concept of paperless office to reduce the use and dispatch of paper to all CAS staff and volunteers
- b. Re-using and recycling waste materials in CAS
- c. Enhancing the use of electronic mode communications
- d. Seeking for efficient use of resources and energy

Green Housekeeping Measures Taken

Waste minimization that reduced the paper consumption by 0.8% in 2005

- a. Using blank side of used papers for drafting or printing
- b. Photocopying limited to the absolute minimum and on both sides of papers
- c. Minimizing the use of fax cover page
- d. Increasing use of email and Local Area Network (LAN) in external and internal communications
- e. Circulating documents in soft copies instead of providing personal hard copies
- f. Printing reports/publications limited to the absolute minimum and uploading publications on the CAS Internet

Waste recovery

- a. Using reusable stationery items such as refillable ball pens
- b. Disposing of waste paper/newspaper for recycling
- c. Returning used laser printer toner cartridges and unserviceable computer equipment to the supplier/contractor

Staff Awareness Promotion

- a. Posting of posters on economy use of resources
- b. Re-circulating departmental circulars on 'Green c. Housekeeping' at regular intervals
- c. Conducting regular meetings and educational sessions

The Way Forward

7. CAS Headquarters will continue its joint efforts with all staff and

volunteers to:

- review effectiveness of measures taken to achieve more efficient use of resources and energy;
- heighten staff awareness of the importance of achieving environmental goal; and
- enhance the use of electronic mode of communications.

Suggestions and Enquiries

8. We welcome suggestions and enquiries, please contact CAS Departmental Green Manager at:

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