

Report of the Director of Audit



Audit Commission

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Bond Fund

Independent Audit Report

To the President of the Legislative Council

I certify that I have examined and audited the financial statements of the Bond Fund set out on pages 79 to 82, 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 Bond 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>28,452,075</u>	<u>11,582,423</u>
Representing:			
Fund Balance			
Balance at beginning of year		11,582,423	-
Surplus for the year		<u>16,869,652</u>	<u>11,582,423</u>
Balance at end of year	4	<u>28,452,075</u>	<u>11,582,423</u>

Notes 1 to 8 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	5	17,139,343	11,599,422
Expenditure	6	(269,691)	(16,999)
Surplus for the year		16,869,652	11,582,423
Other cash movements	7	(16,869,652)	(11,582,423)
Cash and bank balances at end of year		-	-

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



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Purpose and Legislation

The Bond Fund was established with effect from 10 July 2009 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 8 July 2009. Sums raised under the Government Bond Programme are credited to the Bond Fund. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority has been directed by the Financial Secretary to, inter alia, assist in managing the investment concerning the Bond Fund.

2. Accounting Policy

The accounts of the Bond Fund are kept on a cash basis. Transactions are recorded when moneys are received or paid. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Fund excludes outstanding liabilities in respect of sums borrowed under paragraph (c)(i) of the Resolution referred to in Note 4 below.

3. Investments with the Exchange Fund

- (i) These are investments made under paragraph (e)(ii) of the Resolution. They represent the cost of investments together with interest of HK\$983 million received in the year ended 31 March 2011.
- (ii) 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. Liabilities

The following outstanding liabilities in respect of sums borrowed for the purposes of the Bond Fund under the Loans Ordinance (Cap. 61) are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

	2011	2010
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Outstanding government bonds	<u>27,500,000</u>	<u>11,500,000</u>

Following a resolution passed under section 3(1) of the Loans Ordinance in July 2009, the Government issued bonds totalling HK\$27,500 million to institutional investors as at 31 March 2011. The bonds will mature within the period from September 2011 to January 2020. During the financial year, payments of HK\$269 million interest were made.

5. Revenue

	2011		2010
	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	17,500,000	16,156,658	11,498,598
Investment income	922,654	982,685	100,824
	<u>18,422,654</u>	<u>17,139,343</u>	<u>11,599,422</u>

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6. Expenditure

	2011		2010
	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000
Interest payment for bonds	301,225	268,716	15,968
Others	9,868	975	1,031
	311,093	269,691	16,999

7. Other Cash Movements

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

	2011 HK\$'000	2010 HK\$'000
Increase in Assets:		
Investments with the Exchange Fund	16,869,652	11,582,423

8. Comparative Figures

The comparative figures are for the period from 10 July 2009 (date of establishment of the Fund) to 31 March 2010.