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CAD as the civil aviation authority of Hong Kong adopts a balanced approach to manage the aircraft noise problem. Currently, under this approach, noise abatement operational procedures are implemented as far as safe and practical to reduce the aircraft noise impact on local communities. In addition, to cut down noise at source, only less noisy aircraft (i.e., those meeting ICAO Annex 16 Volume I Part II Chapter 3 standards) are allowed to operate to Hong Kong. Moreover, on the land-use planning front, CAD works closely with other government departments and bureaux to ensure that noise sensitive land uses are kept away from the airport. In 2004, CAD achieved all the aircraft noise management related targets.

Apart from contributing to Hong Kong's environmental quality by mitigating the effects of aircraft noise, CAD implements self-regulatory "green" measures for its own internal operations. In 2004, CAD managed to meet almost all environmental targets with the exception that we could only achieve a reduction in electricity consumption by 0.3% from the 2002 level instead of the targeted 3%. In 2005, we will continue to reduce paper and energy consumption to meet the requirements laid down by the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau.

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