

# Chapter 3

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Hong Kong has long been an acclaimed hub for international air traffic and freight. CAD strives to minimise the adverse effect that the development of the aviation industry may cause to our quality of life and the environment.

For better conservation of the Earth's limited resources, CAD is also committed to the application of environmentally responsible measures in our operations such that waste and pollution could be minimised and that our Earth's precious resources could be regenerated to cope with humanity's needs.

## Our Commitments

We care for the environment in two aspects, namely minimising noise pollution by aircraft and operating in an environmentally friendly manner.

# Noise Policy for Civil Aviation Activities

- Maintain dialogue with local communities and citizens affected by aircraft noise and handle complaints
- - Monitor aircraft noise
- - Consult stakeholders on the feasibility of new noise mitigating measures
- - Develop and implement measures to minimise the impact of aircraft noise on local communities

## Stakeholders:

Affected households

## Consultation

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Airlines & the airport  
Affected households

### Other Stakeholders like:

Passengers, shippers, forwarders or employees of the aviation industry

# Green Policy for CAD

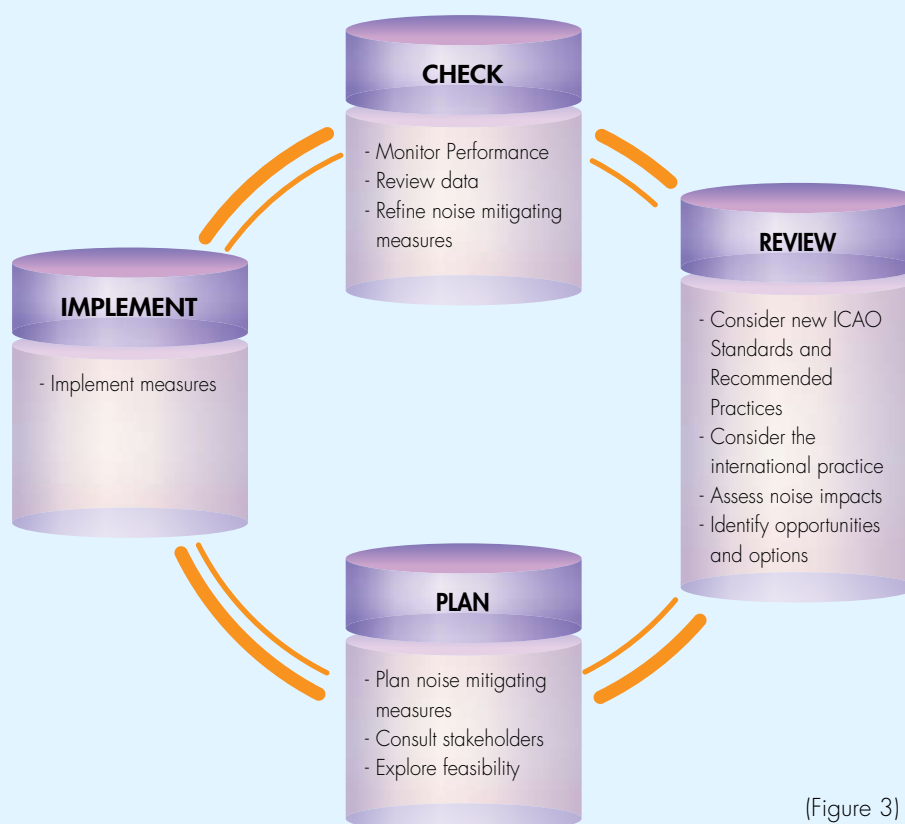
- - Economise the use of energy and paper
- - Apply the principles of sustainable development to our purchase of equipment and tender process and in the planning and operation of our facilities
- - Reduce, reuse and recycle if possible
- - Comply with environmental regulations as a minimum standard of performance
- - Promote staff awareness to ensure that environmentally related considerations are included in all our decision-making process



**Collection points of waste paper for recycling within the office.**

# Managing Aircraft Noise

To minimise noise impacts from aircraft, CAD adopts a continual Review-Plan-Implement-Check Cycle, as shown (Figure 3).



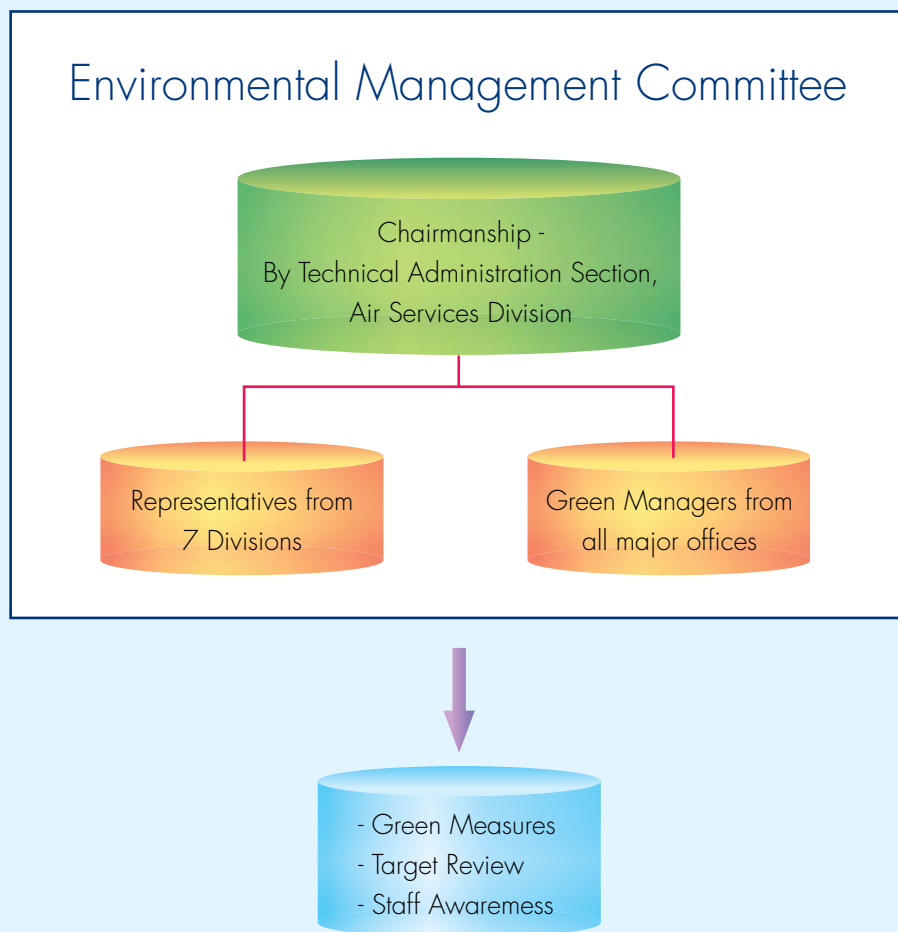
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CAD keeps on reviewing the present situation and assessing the present noise impacts. When planning new noise-mitigating measures, CAD would consult different stakeholders including local communities, airlines and the airport to explore the feasibility.

# In-house Operations

CAD has established the Environmental Management Committee (Figure 4) to monitor the environmental friendliness of all CAD operations and to work out practical measures to implement our green policy. The committee would also set environmental targets for the year ahead, such as reducing electricity consumption and recycling waste.

As in previous years, all CAD offices were monitored throughout 2008. We had also regularly reminded staff on environmentally responsible operations in the offices.



(Figure 4)