

# **Annual Report 2009**



**Botanical Garden Trust Fund**

**Department of National Botanical Gardens**

**Peradeniya**

# Trust Fund for welfare and Development of Botanic Gardens in Sri Lanka

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Cabinet approval has been acquired on 1996.02.07 to establish a trust fund for the development and welfare of the botanic gardens in Sri Lanka, to the cabinet paper submitted by the former Minister of Agriculture, Land and forest on 1995-12-15.

25% percentage from the income by selling tickets for botanic gardens has reserved for welfare and development of botanic gardens, it is the major income of this fund. Apart from that the fund facilitates for appropriate activities to increase the income.

### Botanic Gardens Trust Fund

1. Name of the Fund : Trust fund for welfare and development of botanic gardens in Sri Lanka
2. Nature : Botanic Gardens development activities and providing financial assistance for recurrent activities
3. Relevant Circular : I) Establishment of the Fund Ordinance Act No: 09 of 1917  
II) Accounting and accounting records – Treasury Circular Number. 836 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1977
4. Date of Commencement: 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1996
5. Office: Head Office of the Department of National Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya
6. Bank : Account No : 0007040848 – Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya.

### 7. Objectives of The Fund:

- a) To do necessary to make up the image of the botanic gardens within Sri Lanka and abroad.
- b) Conducting effective programmes to the prevailing environmental, educational and plant conservation
- c) Upgrading of scientific knowledge, activities and facilities of the scientists who serve at the botanic gardens and providing financial support.
- d) To create a development programme for plants collection.
- e) To develop and support the technical activities to upgrade the environmental, educational conservation for the benefit of the botanic gardens.
- f) To take over any development construction activity which is essential to facilitate the scientists and the visitors of the botanic gardens.

### Financial Progress of the Fund

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Deposit balance dated for 2009.01.01	=	Rs. 40,801,360.00
<b><u>Added:</u></b>		
Income of the Year 2009 (deposit)	=	Rs. 27,150,856.00
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		Rs. <u>67,952,216.00</u>
<b><u>Deduct:</u></b>		
Expenses of the year 2009 (Withdrawals)	=	Rs. 20,530,086.00
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Treasury balance dated for 2009.12.31	=	<b>Rs. <u>47,422,130.00</u></b>

**Special Development Activities carried out by utilizing The Allocation in 2009**

- Being the recurrent expenses allocated to obtain labourers from to maintain the garden and to beauty the botanic gardens were insufficient funds of Rs. 2.4 million allocated through The Trust Fund. Apart from that repairing the vehicles, paying balance for contractors and purchasing photocopy machine were carried out.
- In view of developing the facilities at the botanic gardens employees were trained and provided uniforms. Flower plants, seeds, planting materials were also purchased from national and international market.
- Purchasing of special equipments from Australia need for maintain the trees under the development of Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, renovation of buildings inside the gardens and purchasing furniture and equipments for education and training center.



Few equipments purchased from Australia



Few special types of equipment purchased from Australia used For cut the trees



One Diploma student is training with equipments

- Construction of three plant houses was carried out except the existing plant houses under the development of Botanic Gardens, Hakgala.

- Drainage culverts and roads were renovated under the development of Botanic Gardens, Gampaha. Funds of Rs. 1.4 million allocated through The Trust Fund for land acquisition.



newly constructed gate at Botanic Gardens, Gampaha



Newly constructed bridge at Botanic Gardens, Gampaha

- Funds of Rs. 2.1 million allocated through The Trust Fund for construction of two plant houses started in 2008 at Botanic Gardens, Avissawella Being the expenses allocated for the office building started in this year was insufficient funds of Rs. 3.1 million allocated through The Trust Fund



Newly constructed polytunnels at Botanic Gardens, Avissawella



Office building being constructed at Botanic Gardens, Avissawella

- Funds of Rs. 452,489 allocated through The Trust Fund to purchasing furniture and equipments for newly constructed auditorium and office building at Medicinal Plant Gardens, Ganewatta.

**Special Development activities carried out by The Trust Fund:**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Expenditure (Rs)</b>
1. Upgrading the facilities at the Botanic Gardens	Rs. 1,662,368.00
2. Development activities of The Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya	Rs. 4,522,842.00
3. Development activities of The Botanic Gardens, Hakgala	Rs. 2,109,714.00
4. Development activities of The Botanic Gardens, Gampaha	Rs. 2,619,771.00
5. Development activities of The Botanic Gardens, Avissawella	Rs. 5,256,424.00
6. Development activities of National Herbarium	Rs. 200,766.00
7. Purchasing equipments for Medicinal Plant Garden, Ganewatta	Rs. 452,489.00

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