

Annual Report 2010



Botanical Garden Trust

Department of National Botanical Gardens

Peradeniya

Development of botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and Trust fund for welfare

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Approval had been given by the Cabinet meeting held on 07/02/1996 to set up a Trust fund for developing botanical gardens and welfare considering a paper themed setting up a Trust Fund for “improving botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and providing welfare” dated 15/12/1995 submitted by the then Minister in charge of Agriculture Lands and Forest Resources.

25% out of the annual income from ticket sale at botanical gardens is reserved as the income for the Trust Fund for improving botanical gardens and welfare, which is the main income source of this Fund. In addition to that, provisions are there to cultivate income of this Fund.

Botanical Gardens Trust Fund

- 1 Name of Fund : Developing botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and Trust Fund for welfare
- 2 Purpose : Development activities at botanical gardens and extend financial assistance for recurrent purposes where need is arisen.
- 3 Circulars related : I) Commission of the fund - as per Fund Ordinance No. 09 of 1917
II) Book keeping and submitting accounting statements Treasury circulars / circular No. 836 dated 16th August 1977.
- 4 Date of commission : 20th December 1996
- 5 Office : Head office of National Botanical Gardens Department, Peradeniya
- 6 Bank : Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya branch, Account No. 7040848

7 Purposes of the Fund :

- a) Taking action for further improving the image on the botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and other foreign countries
- b) working out and implementing meaningful programmes in respect of conserving attempts on plant varieties and environmental education
- c) Improving facilities and activities leading to broad base scientific know-how of scientists attached to the botanical gardens as well as extending financial assistance to purchase equipments needed.
- d) formulating an extensive programme on flora collection
- e) Improving activities in the technical fields on environmental education conservation and improvements thereto for the use of botanical gardens.
- f) Undertaking any urgent construction whatsoever for facilitating those who visit botanical gardens and scientists
- g) Covering recurrent fund balance at any given specialized programme

Progress of allocations in the funds

Debit balance as at 01-01-2010	=	Rs. 47,422,130.00
Added :		
Income in year 2010 (credits)	=	Rs. 41,263,919.00

		Rs. 88,686,049.00
Deducted :		
Expenditure in year 2010 (debits)	=	Rs. 40,156,400.00

Treasury balance as at 31-12-2010	=	Rs. 48,529,649.00
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Specialized development pursuits undertaken in the year 2010 with the allocations in the Fund :

- As recurrent allocations for labour hiring in order to maintain gardens under the botanical garden beautification expenditure was not sufficient an expenditure of Rs. 4.2 million had been incurred.



- Under improving facilities at botanical gardens, training employees in various positions, providing them with uniforms and purchasing flower seeds and saplings from local and international markets had been undertaken.
- Under the Peradeniya botanical garden, internal access ways of it extending 1.8 kilo meters had been developed through the Central Provincial Road Development Authority at a cost of Rs. 15,006,965/- from the Fund.



- Construction of four toilet circuits with ultra modern facilities have been commenced for improving sanitary facilities of local and foreign tourists. An expenditure of Rs. 4,544,809/- had been incurred out of this Fund for this purpose in which construction was handled by the Central Consultancy Engineering Bureau (CCEB).



- Under the Hakgala botanical garden development, three well-equipped plant green houses have been constructed by Heyleys Company in addition to the existing plant green houses at a cost of Rs. 680,725/- in the given year.



- The circuit bungalow in the Haggala botanical garden was renovated to meet facilities for local and foreign tourists at a cost of Rs. 1377,270/-.



- A green house has been constructed under the Gampaha botanical garden development
- Rs. 2.3 million has been incurred under the Fund due to insufficiency of Capital expenditure for office building of the Avissavella Botanical garden commenced in the year 2008.
- Rs. 1.1 million has been incurred for botanical research activities in the National green house.



Activity	Expenditure
1. Improving conditions of botanical gardens facilities and beautification activities of gardens	Rs. 6,483,485.00
2. Developing internal ways of Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya and construction of 04 new toilets	Rs. 23,610,229.00
3. Construction of new polythene housing and renovating circuit bungalow in the Hakgala Botanical Garden	Rs. 1,565,770.00
4. Road development activities and green house construction in the Gampaha botanical garden	Rs. 500,000.00
5. Office building of the Avissaewella botanical garden and its other development activities	Rs. 2,312,554.00
6. National Green house, flora investigations and conserving of tree leaves	Rs. 1,132,898.00

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