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Botanical Garden Trust Fund

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 programs 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 program 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 program.

Progress of allocations in the funds

Debit balance as at 01-01-2011	=	Rs. 48,715,061.83
Added:		
Income in year 2011 (credit)	=	Rs. 45,858,921.29

		Rs. 94,573,983.12
Deducted:		
Expenditure in year 2011 (debits)	=	Rs. 34,655,885.69

Treasury balance as at 31-12-2011	=	<u>Rs. 59,918,097.43</u>

Specialized development pursuits undertaken in the year 2011 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. 4.6 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 1.062 kilo meters had been developed through the Central Provincial Road Development Authority at a cost of Rs. 13.7 mn. from the Fund.



- Renovation of the D.T. Ekanayaka memorial auditorium in the Peradeniya Botanical garden. For this purpose, an expenditure of Rs. 868,489/- had been incurred by the fund.



- Developing of access entrance of the Gampaha botanical garden through the Ja-ela way by earth filling. For this purpose, an expenditure of Rs. 811,000/- had been incurred by the fund.



- A sum of Rs. 2.1 million had been incurred for the Botanical scientific research activities of the National green house. Under this, a deep freezer for conserving trees and a specialized camera that is helpful in various botanical research activities had been purchased.





- Action has been taken to beautify the botanical gardens utilizing new technology and under that, branch pruning (from ground) machines, “Hedging machines” with pruning garden lines and grass cutting machines for proper maintenance of grounds had been procured. For this purpose, an expenditure of Rs. 4.1 million had been incurred by the fund.



A summary of specialized development pursuits undertaken in the year 2011 under the Fund

Activity	Expenditure (Rs.)
1. Improving conditions of botanical gardens facilities and beautification activities of gardens	4,651,018.00
2. Developing internal ways of Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya	13,715,707.00
3. Developing of access entrance of the Gampaha botanical garden through the Ja-ela way	811,000.00
4. Botanical research activities of the national green house	2,170,171.00
5. Procuring of ultra modern machineries for the maintenance activities of botanical gardens	4,951,943.00
6. Renovation of the D.T. Ekanayaka memorial auditorium in the Peradeniya Royal Botanical garden.	868,489.00

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