

Annual Report 2012



Botanic Gardens Trust Fund

Department of National Botanic 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 16th of August 1977
4. Date of Commencement: 20th 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.
- g) Supplement shortcomings of recurrent allocations when it is needed.

Financial Progress of the Fund

Deposit balance dated for 2012	=	Rs. 59,918,097.43
Added:		
Income of the Year 2012 (deposit)	=	Rs. 92,034,488.69

		Rs. 151,952,586.12
Deduct:		
Expenses of the year 2012 (Withdrawals)	=	Rs. 89,237,194.52

Treasury balance dated for 2012.12.31	=	Rs. <u>62,715,391.60</u>

Special Development Activities carried out by Utilizing The Allocation in 2012

- ❖ Being the recurrent expenses allocated to beauty the botanic gardens were insufficient, funds allocated through The Trust Fund and the botanic gardens were maintained in an attractive manner.



A scenery of The Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya

- ❖ In view of developing the facilities at the botanic gardens employees were trained and provided uniforms. Flower plants, seeds, planting materials and library books were also purchased from national and international market.



A scenery of The Botanic Gardens, Hakgala

- ❖ 1.427k.m. long portion of the main road was repaired and carpeted which was earlier damaged due to various natural and environmental reasons. Interlocks were also layered to necessary places.



Interlocks in spice Gardens at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya



Main roads were carpeted at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya

- ❖ No : 2 labourers' housing building of botanic gardens, Peradeniya was repaired to upgrade the facilities for the labourers.



Workers' field office building at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya

- ❖ Facilities to the employee's field office were upgraded to increase the efficiency of work at The Royal Botanic Gardens; Peradeniya to attach the carpentry, smithery and plumbing shops to one building, construction of a field house was started.



Repairing at training class rooms at The Anthurium nursery of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya

❖ More facilities were provided to the trainees by upgrading training class rooms of the Anthurium nursery at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya.

❖ The building number 1098 which was attached to The Sri Lanka Hadabima Authority and situated in The Royal Botanic Gardens was taken over by The Department of National Botanic Gardens.

❖ 750 m long internal road system of The Botanic Gardens, Gampaha was carpeted by The Road Development Authority of Western Province.

❖ Funds were provided by the Trust Fund for botanical, scientific researches of The Department of Botanic Gardens under this collecting rare plants, plants exploration, purchasing scientific equipments for researches /workshops were carried out.



Carpeting of internal road system at The Botanic Gardens, Gampaha



Plant Exploration



A practical session at The National workshop on Bryology

- ❖ 2.083m long internal road systems were carpeted at The Botanic Gardens, Hakgala by Provincial Road Development Authority and narrow roads were upgraded by laying interlocks.



Carpeting internal roads at The Botanic Gardens, Hakgala

- ❖ Modern technological equipments were purchased to upgrade the facilities in Botanic Gardens

- ❖ 3,500 floriculture instructions books were printed for sale to the use of growers and trainees.



Printed books for floriculture instructions

Summary of the Special Development Activities carried out by The Trust Fund during the Year 2012

Activities	Expenditure (Rs)
1. upgrading of the facilities at the botanic gardens and beautification of gardens	10,629,239.00
2. Land development activities of The botanic gardens	44,246,333.00
3. Building development activities at the botanic gardens	12,237,357.00
4. Purchasing equipments for upgrading of facilities	2,513,377.00
5. Upgrading of research and training activities and library facilities	1,500,000.00
Total	71,126,306.00

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