

**REPORT BY THE TRUSTEE**

**of the**

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE**

**CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR**

**1 APRIL 2017 To 31 MARCH 2018**

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**Report by the Trustee  
of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund  
for the year from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance (the Ordinance) (Cap. 551) came into operation on 21 July 2000.

2. In accordance with section 4 of the Ordinance, the Commissioner of Customs and Excise shall be the Trustee of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund (the Fund). As required by section 11 of the Ordinance, I take pleasure in presenting to the President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council a copy of the signed and audited statement of accounts, the Director of Audit's report and my report on administration of the Fund for the year running from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

3. The Fund was started with a generous donation of \$300,000 granted by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries in September 1997. Over the years, individual donors have contributed an additional sum of \$7,450,000 towards operation of the Fund.

**OBJECTS OF THE FUND**

4. In accordance with section 5 of the Ordinance, the Trustee shall apply the Fund

in such manner and to such extent as the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee (the Committee) may, in its absolute discretion, direct for the following objects :-

- (a) to provide assistance in, and facilities for, the higher education of the children of customs officers;
- (b) to provide assistance in, and facilities for, the education and training of handicapped children of customs officers; and
- (c) such other objects ancillary or incidental to the objects referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) as the Committee may consider appropriate.

#### THE COMMITTEE AND THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

5. The Committee was formed in accordance with section 6 of the Ordinance for management of the Fund. The Financial Secretary appointed Mr. Steve LAU Hon-wah as the Chairman, together with, Mr. Benedict SIN Nga-yan, Mr. Howard YEUNG Ping-leung and Ms. WAH Ning as members of the Committee for a period of two years with effect from 1 August 2016. A membership list is at **Appendix I**.

6. The Investment Advisory Board (the Board) was formed in accordance with section 10 of the Ordinance to guide the Trustee on placing of money drawn from the Fund in investments other than those authorized under the Trustee Ordinance (Cap.29). The Financial Secretary appointed Mr. Richard TANG Yat-sun as the Chairman, together with Dr. Francis CHOI Chee-ming, Mr. Martin LEE Ka-shing, Mr. Stephen TAN and Ms. Wendy YUEN Miu-ling as members of the Board for a period of two

years with effect from 1 August 2016. A membership list is at **Appendix II**.

7. Under section 9 of the Ordinance, the Trustee may, subject to prior approval of the Committee, place any money drawn from the Fund in investments authorized under the Trustee Ordinance (Cap.29) or recommended by the Board.

#### MEETING

8. With major decisions having made by circulation, the Committee met on 18 October 2017 to review the administration of the Fund.

#### GRANTS

9. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, a total sum of \$399,500 was approved and distributed to 124 eligible applicants, including \$234,000 to 117 eligible applicants in the form of book grant, \$120,000 to six eligible applicants in the form of scholarship and \$45,500 to seven eligible applicants as special grant for their handicapped children.

10. Balance of the Fund as at 31 March 2018 amounted to \$4,420,969 with \$7,750,000 in the capital account and an accumulated deficit of \$3,329,031.

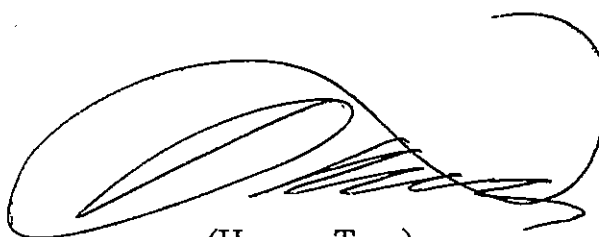
#### AUDITOR

11. The Director of Audit was appointed as auditor of the Fund in accordance with section 11(4) of the Ordinance. The signed and audited statement of accounts as well

as the Director's report are at **Appendix III**.

VOTE OF THANKS

12. I would like to thank those serving on the Committee and the Board for steering the Fund through yet another year of successful operation. My gratitude also goes to the Director of Audit for carrying out a thorough examination on financial statements of the Fund.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by several horizontal strokes and a final upward curve.

(Hermes Tang)  
Commissioner of Customs and Excise  
Trustee,  
Customs and Excise Service Children's  
Education Trust Fund

/ 8 September 2018

Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee

(as at 31 March 2018)

- Chairman : Mr. Steve LAU Hon-wah, S.B.S., J.P.  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)
- Members : Commissioner of Customs and Excise  
  
Mr. Hermes TANG Yi-hoi, C.M.S.M.  
  
Officer in charge of Service Welfare Division in the Customs and  
Excise Department  
  
Mr. LEE Chi-ming, Simon  
  
Representative of the Customs Officers  
  
Ms. WAH Ning  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)  
  
Mr. Benedict SIN Nga-yan  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)  
  
Mr. Howard YEUNG Ping-leung  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)
- Honorary : Ms. Nancy HO King-chi, Senior Treasury Accountant  
Treasurer (Customs and Excise Department)
- Honorary : Ms. Phoenix LEE Wai-yin, Executive Officer (Staff Relations)  
Secretary (Customs and Excise Department)

Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund

Investment Advisory Board

(as at 31 March 2018)

Chairman : Mr. Richard TANG Yat-sun, S.B.S., J.P.  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)

Members : Dr. Francis CHOI Chee-ming, G.B.S., J.P.  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)

Mr. Martin LEE Ka-shing, J.P.  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)

Mr. Stephen TAN  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)

Ms. Wendy YUEN Miu-ling  
(appointed by the Financial Secretary)

Customs and Excise Service  
Children's Education Trust Fund

Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018



# ***Report of the Director of Audit***



**Audit Commission**

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

## **Independent Auditor's Report To the Legislative Council**

### ***Opinion***

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund set out on pages 4 to 12, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2018, and the income and expenditure account, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund as at 31 March 2018, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in accordance with section 11(1) to 11(3) of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance (Cap. 551).

### ***Basis for opinion***

I conducted my audit in accordance with section 11(4) of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance and the Audit Commission auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund in accordance with those standards, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those standards. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

### *Responsibilities of the Commissioner of Customs and Excise for the financial statements*

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and section 11(1) to 11(3) of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance, and for such internal control as the Commissioner of Customs and Excise determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Commissioner of Customs and Excise is responsible for assessing the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

### *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*


My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Audit Commission auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Audit Commission auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Commissioner of Customs

and Excise;

- conclude on the appropriateness of the Commissioner of Customs and Excise's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

  
LIANG Kar-lun, Ken  
Principal Auditor  
for Director of Audit

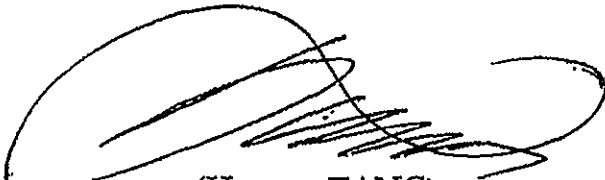
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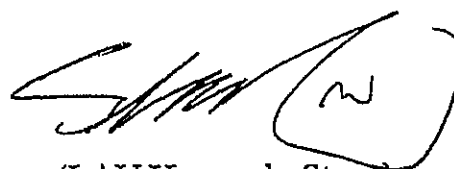
**Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018**

	Note	2018 HK\$	2017 HK\$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Accounts receivable		11,321	9,871
Bank deposits		4,406,053	4,203,515
Cash and cash equivalents	3	3,595	6,094
		<u>4,420,969</u>	<u>4,219,480</u>
<b>Accumulated fund</b>			
Capital		7,750,000	7,450,000
Accumulated deficit		(3,329,031)	(3,230,520)
		<u>4,420,969</u>	<u>4,219,480</u>

The accompanying notes 1 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

  
(Hermes TANG)

Commissioner of Customs and Excise  
Trustee  
Customs and Excise Service Children's  
Education Trust Fund  
21 June 2018

  
(LAU Hon-wah, Steve)

Chairman  
Customs and Excise Service Children's  
Education Trust Fund Committee  
21 June 2018

**Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	2018 HK\$	2017 HK\$
<b>Income</b>		
Bank interest	96,616	75,732
Other income	2,000	-
Exchange gains	202,373	-
	<u>300,989</u>	<u>75,732</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Special education grant/Book grant/ Scholarship to Service members	(399,500)	(445,000)
Exchange losses	-	(98,669)
	<u>(399,500)</u>	<u>(543,669)</u>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	(98,511)	(467,937)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	<u>(98,511)</u>	<u>(467,937)</u>

The accompanying notes 1 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	Capital HK\$	Accumulated deficit HK\$	Total HK\$
Balance at 1 April 2016	7,150,000	(2,762,583)	4,387,417
Donations received during 2016-17	300,000	-	300,000
Total comprehensive loss for 2016-17	-	(467,937)	(467,937)
Balance at 31 March 2017	7,450,000	(3,230,520)	4,219,480
Donations received during 2017-18	300,000	-	300,000
Total comprehensive loss for 2017-18	-	(98,511)	(98,511)
Balance at 31 March 2018	7,750,000	(3,329,031)	4,420,969

The accompanying notes 1 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	Note	2018 HK\$	2017 HK\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Deficit for the year		(98,511)	(467,937)
Adjustments for:			
Bank interest		(96,616)	(75,732)
Exchange (gains) / losses		(202,373)	98,669
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<u>(397,500)</u>	<u>(445,000)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Bank interest received		95,793	74,575
Net (increase) / decrease in bank deposits with original maturity over three months		<u>(792)</u>	<u>70,425</u>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>		<u>95,001</u>	<u>145,000</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Donations received		<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>		<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(2,499)	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>6,094</u>	<u>6,094</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	3	<u><u>3,595</u></u>	<u><u>6,094</u></u>

The accompanying notes 1 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1. General**

The Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund (the Fund) was established mainly to provide assistance in, and facilities for, the higher education of the children of customs officers and for the education and training of handicapped children of customs officers in accordance with section 5 of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance (Cap. 551). The address of the Fund's principal place of business is 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> floors of the Customs Headquarters Building, 222 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

**2. Significant accounting policies**

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with section 11(1) to 11(3) of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance and all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**(b) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and



future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting judgements involved in the application of the Fund's accounting policies. There are neither key assumptions concerning the future nor other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the next year.

(c) Adoption of new / revised HKFRSs

The Fund has adopted all new / revised HKFRSs which are effective and relevant to the Fund for the current accounting period.

The Fund has not early adopted any amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the current accounting period. The Fund is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these new amendments, new standards and interpretations is expected to be in the period of initial adoption. So far, it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Fund's result of operations and financial position.

(d) Financial assets

The Fund's financial assets include accounts receivable, bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents. They are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses (if any).

(e) Grants

Grants are recognised in the income and expenditure account when they have been approved by the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee.

(f) Donations

Approved donations are credited to the accumulated fund – capital account on actual receipt.

(g) Foreign currency translation

Hong Kong dollar is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains and losses are dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

(h) Revenue recognition

Bank interest is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity when acquired.

3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2018	2017
	HK\$	HK\$
Cash at bank	<u>3,595</u>	<u>6,094</u>

4. Financial risk management

The Fund's major financial instruments include bank deposits and cash at bank. The main risks associated with these financial instruments are set out below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk at the balance sheet date in relation to the financial instruments is the carrying amount of these assets as stated in the balance sheet.

The Fund limits its exposure to credit risk by transacting with reputable licensed banks in Hong Kong.

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of loss arising from changes in market interest rates. This can be further classified into fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Since the Fund's bank deposits bear interest at fixed rates, their fair value will fall when market interest rates increase. However, as they are stated at amortised cost, changes in market interest rates will not affect their carrying amounts and the Fund's deficit and equity.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk as it has no financial instruments bearing interest at floating rates.

(c) Liquidity risk

In the management of liquidity risk, the Fund maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents that is considered adequate to finance its operations and mitigate the effect of fluctuations in cash flows.

(d) Foreign currency risk

(i) Exposure to currency risk

The Fund maintained net exposure to financial instruments denominated in US dollar and Renminbi of US\$228,603 (2017: US\$225,981) and CNY1,565,581 (2017: CNY 1,504,246) respectively at the balance sheet date. As Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US dollar within a narrow range, it is considered that the Fund had no significant exposure to foreign exchange risk relating to this currency. Since no foreign currency rate hedging is made by the Fund, the carrying amounts of the financial instruments in Renminbi represent the maximum exposure of the Fund to foreign currency risk in respect of Renminbi.

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

It was estimated that as at 31 March 2018, should the Renminbi strengthen/weaken by 5% (2017: 5%) against the Hong Kong dollar, with all other variables being held constant, the deficit of the Fund would decrease/increase by HK\$98,000 (2017: HK\$85,000).

**5. Capital management**

The capital structure of the Fund consists of the capital and accumulated deficit. The Fund's objectives when managing capital are:

- to comply with the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance; and
- to maintain a strong capital base for carrying out the purpose of the Fund as stated in note 1 above.

The Fund manages its capital to ensure that its level is sufficient to fund future scholarships and grants, taking into account its projected cash flow requirements, future financial obligations and commitments.

**6. Cost of administering the Fund**

The cost of administering the Fund has been borne by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with section 12 of the Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Ordinance.

**7. Fair values of financial assets**

All financial assets are stated in the balance sheet at amounts equal to or not materially different from their fair values.