

## **“Enhanced Productivity Programme : 2000-01” Booklet**

### **Report on EPP Savings -- Environment and Food Bureau**

The Environment and Food Bureau (EFB), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have only been established since 1 January 2000 upon the reorganisation of municipal services.

In the reorganisation, total savings of some \$700 million were generated. Of this amount, \$96 million were savings in direct expenses incurred by the former Provisional Municipal Councils. The remaining \$604 million was derived largely from institutional efficiency, economies of scale, streamlining of staffing structure and other enhanced productivity initiatives. As \$604 million well exceeds 1% of the aggregate annual recurrent expenditure of the new structure, EFB, FEHD and LCSD are deemed to have achieved the 1% savings required for 2000-01 under EPP.

Like others in the Government, the new Bureau and Departments will be required to deliver the remaining 4% savings by 2002-03.