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\$100,000 to protect environment

The Hongkong Electric Group has made a \$100,000 contribution towards the protection of Hongkong's environment.

The group has given a cheque to the Hongkong Polytechnic's endowment fund for the development of its Environmental Studies Centre.

The centre was established in 1980 and the money will be used to help buy equipment

for measuring noise, water and air pollution.

In accepting the cheque, polytechnic director Dr Keith Legg said there was a demand for accurate pollution monitoring in Hongkong.

"There is recognition in Hongkong of the urgency of reducing pollution of all kinds to acceptable levels," Dr Legg said.

"Legislation and regulations in support of this result

in the demand for facilities for education, training and research.

"External funding, such as the contribution from Hongkong Electric, will definitely enable the centre to meet its objectives more rapidly in what is already an area demanding urgent attention."

Courses at the Environmental Studies Centre include programmes in noise and vibration control, water

pollution control and waste management. A course in air pollution control is to begin this year.

Hongkong Electric's development and commercial manager, Dr C.M. Ko, said his company had always supported environmental protection.

"At the planning stage of Lamma power station, we retained four leading international firms of consultants to ensure the best possible policies were adopted and followed to protect the environment at the site.

"The consultants prepared some 12 reports ranging in topics from environmental impact and chimney height to pile-driving noise and land-scaping."