

THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

Established in April 1993, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) is the government authority in Hong Kong responsible for maintaining monetary and banking stability. The HKMA's policy objectives are

- to maintain currency stability, within the framework of the Linked Exchange Rate system, through sound management of the Exchange Fund, monetary policy operations and other means deemed necessary
- to promote the safety and stability of the banking system through the regulation of banking business and the business of taking deposits, and the supervision of authorized institutions
- to enhance the efficiency, integrity and development of the financial system, particularly payment and settlement arrangements.

The photographs

The theme photographs in this Annual Report show some of the trees commonly found in Hong Kong. Despite its small land area, Hong Kong has some 400 species of trees. Further information on Hong Kong trees can be found in *Tree Lovers' Companion* (Friends of the Country Parks, Hong Kong, 2004) and at <http://resources.ed.gov.hk/trees>.