

**Community Involvement Committee on Greening
(Notes of the 15th Meeting)**

Date and Time: 6 July 2023 (Thursday) at 9:30 am

Venue: Conference Room 3, G/F., Central Government Offices, Tamar

Present

Chairperson

Mr LAU Chun-kit, Ricky, JP

Posts

Permanent Secretary for Development (Works),
Development Bureau (“DEVB”)

Non-official Members

Dr Johnnie CHAN Chi-kau, SBS, JP

Ms CHAN Man-kuen, MH

Mr CHENG Ka-ho, MH, JP

Mr CHEUNG Yung-pong, MH

Dr Jeffrey HUNG Oi-shing

Miss Trazy KONG Lok-yi

Dr Caroline LAW Man-yee

Dr Angie NG Ying-sim

Ms Florence TSUI Ho-fun

Official Members

Ms Angela LEE, JP

Dr Jackie YIP

Ms Lilian YU

Ms Mandy LEUNG

Mr Terence TSOI

Deputy Secretary (Works) 1, DEVB

Assistant Director (Country Parks), as
representative of Agriculture, Fisheries and
Conservation Department (“AFCD”)

Chief Landscape Architect/Headquarters, as
representative of Civil Engineering and
Development Department (“CEDD”)

Senior Curriculum Development Officer
(Moral, Civic and National Education) 1, as
representative of Education Bureau (“EDB”)

Senior Development Officer (Corporate
Affairs), as representative of Environmental
Protection Department (“EPD”)

Mr Michael WONG	Chief Executive Officer (Administration) 3, as representative of Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)
Mr TO Chak-foo	Chief Manager/M(HKI), as representative of Housing Department (“HD”)
Ms Tina TAI	Chief Leisure Manager (Green Campaign), as representative of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)

Secretary

Miss Kathy NG	Head of Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section, DEVB
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Absent with Apologies

Miss Linda CHOY Siu-min
Dr Tony IP Chung-man, MH
Ms Una LAU Yuk-min
Miss POON Wing-yi
Ms Idy WONG Lai-yin
Mr WONG Chung-leung

In Attendance

DEVB

Ms Vina WONG	Head of Greening and Landscape Office
Mr Ryan LIN	Head of Tree Management Office
Mr David YUEN	Assistant Secretary (Greening and Landscape) 2
Mr Jason WONG	Assistant Secretary (Greening and Landscape) 3 (<i>Note-Taker</i>)

HD

Ms Christine AU	Senior Landscape Architect/Tree Management and Horticulture
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Opening remarks

1. The Chairperson welcomed Members to the 15th meeting of the Community Involvement Committee on Greening (“CICG”), and extended a special welcome to the new Members attending the CICG meeting for the first time.
2. Head of Greening and Landscape Office (“H/GLO”) briefed the Members on the administrative procedures concerning the declaration of interests. She reported that no declarations had been received from Members prior to the meeting.

Item 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting

3. The draft minutes of the 14th meeting, which was held on 21 December, 2022, were confirmed by the meeting without any amendments.

Item 2 : Matters Arising from the last meeting

4. H/GLO briefed Members on the matters arising from the last meeting:
 - (i) EDB had uploaded the Urban Forestry Roving Exhibition panels to the EDB’s Values Education webpage for access by schools and disseminated through Geography teacher network.
 - (ii) AFCD successfully completed the Country Parks Hiking and Planting Day in April 2023 with around 2,450 participants.
 - (iii) The formation of a CICG Working Group (“WG”) would be discussed in Item 4 of this meeting.

Item 3 : Update of 「人樹共融」 Promotion Campaign (CICG Paper No. 1/2023)

5. Members were briefed with the aid of PowerPoint on the latest development of initiatives under the 「人樹共融」 Promotion Campaign:

- (i) Newly Launched Initiatives
 - a. Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section (“GLTMS”) Newsletter – A new GLTMS newsletter “Verdure” 「青翠」 was released in June 2023 and uploaded to the Greening Website. (<https://www.greening.gov.hk/en/resource-centre/related-publications/newsletter/index.html>)
 - b. Education Videos on Tree Knowledge – Four education videos on tree knowledge were produced in April 2023 and uploaded to the Greening Website. (<https://www.greening.gov.hk/en/resource-centre/video-radio-and-advertorials/index.html>)
 - c. GLTMS Instagram – A new Instagram account @HK.trees.landscape 「港樹港園境」 has been set up since April 2023.

- (ii) Upcoming Initiatives
 - a. In response to Members' suggestions to organise competitions to increase public engagement, GLTMS has been preparing a “Photo-cum-Short Video Contest of Urban Green Spaces”. The details of the programme would be discussed in the WG.
 - b. Guided Tours “See Green, Go Green Little Trip” 「綠意遊賞小旅行」 – guided tours in Jordan Valley Channel Garden and Cattle Depot Art Park with themes on “Right Plant, Right Place, People-Centred” principle and “Tree Care” were scheduled for 2023 Q4. The details of the programme would be discussed in the WG.
[Post-meeting note: A Member informed the CICG secretariat on 18 July 2023 that her office had relayed to her on 14 July 2023 that an invitation to quote for the guided tours had been received; and she declared the conflict of interest.]

- (iii) Recently Completed Initiatives
 - a. *Education & Careers Expo 2023* – The Education & Careers Expo (“Expo”) 2023 was held from 2 to 5 February 2023. Special thanks were extended to the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong

Kong, which provided a virtual reality game to enhance the appeal of GLTMS' booth at the Expo.

- b. *Hong Kong Flower Show 2023* – The Hong Kong Flower Show 2023 was held from 10 to 19 March 2023 at Victoria Park. GLTMS had set up a booth which attracted more than 20,000 visitors with interactive activity “Finding Tree Defects”.
- c. “*See Green, Go Green*” 「綠意遊賞」 – a common online promotion platform of the Government greening efforts has been launched since December 2022 followed by promotions in social media platforms in 2023.

6. On the topic of the photo contest, a Member suggested that based on previous experience, by including a category for students, the appeal to school children would be significantly increased. Another Member concurred and anticipated active participation from schools. H/GLO responded that the GLTMS planned to include categories involving primary and secondary schools, and that the details would be further discussed in upcoming WG meetings.

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7. A Member suggested that the public should be allowed to subscribe to the GLTMS Newsletter, so that they would be notified upon publishing of a new issue. H/GLO explained that though the current website could not support an automatic subscription function, interested parties could email GLTMS to request for notifications. She also mentioned that the public could access the GLTMS Newsletter uploaded on the Greening Website. The Chairperson added that the GLTMS could notify the public about new issues via GLTMS' Instagram.

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8. A Member suggested that the GLTMS might consider expanding their promotion through more social media platforms, e.g. WeChat. The Chairperson concurred that using social media for publicity purpose would be worth considering.

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Item 4: Public Education and Community Involvement Activities organised by the Government in 2022 (CICG Paper No. 2/2023)

9. Members were informed that despite the cancellations or postponements of in-person activities due to the COVID-19

pandemic, departments managed to organise 2,832 community involvement activities with approximately 892,000 participants in 2022. As social distancing measures have eased in 2023, more in-person activities would be organised.

10. The Chairperson expressed gratitude to departments for their efforts in organising activities amidst the pandemic. He hoped that the public could enjoy more in-person activities in the coming year, and warmly welcomed the Members to participate as well.
11. A Member noticed the large number of participants at the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) activities and expressed interest in learning more about them. H/GLO explained that this was due to a Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival event held in the revitalised channel in Jordan Valley promoting “blue” (water bodies) and “green” (landscape greening) elements. H/GLTMS supplemented that the event was popular in the local communities with oversized “moon” artwork installed in the channels, and together with other installations and game booths, attracted a large number of visitors.
12. The Chairperson noted that the DSD event, despite only lasting for two weeks, had successfully attracted a large number of visitors. This indicated the popularity of blue-green resources among the locals. He suggested that departments might consider incorporating more blue and green elements into the design of future infrastructure projects.
13. A Member noted that LCSD had also organised Mid-Autumn Lantern Carnival in 2022, but these events were not included in the paper. The Chief Leisure Manager (Green Campaign) of LCSD explained that only activities related to “greening” were reported to the DEVB. Hence, the Mid-Autumn Lantern Carnival under LCSD’s, which focused on promoting Chinese traditional culture, were not included in this paper.

**Item 5: Establishment of ‘Working Group for Education and Collaboration on Greening’
(CICG Paper No. 3/2023)**

14. Members were informed that during the 14th Meeting of the CICG held on 21 December, 2022, the establishment of a new WG with the goal of enhancing the impact of community involvement efforts, with focus in the education sector, was suggested. The paper outlined the terms of reference and composition of the new

WG.

15. Regarding the involvement of the official members of the WG, a Member suggested that apart from inviting EDB and LCSD as members, representatives from HD and AFCD would be valuable additions to the WG. Senior Landscape Architect/Tree Management and Horticulture of HD accepted the invitation to join the WG. The Assistant Director (Country & Marine Parks) of AFCD responded that since the WG would primarily focus on the education sector, which was less relevant to the core business of the AFCD, she recommended that AFCD should only join the WG on a need basis. Taking these views into consideration, the Chairperson concluded that a representative from HD would serve as an official member of the WG, while representatives from other departments would attend WG meetings on a need basis.
16. A Member expressed his intention to join the WG and anticipated that it would enhance synergy of public-private partnership. He also noted that establishing a rapport among school sponsoring bodies would be an effective way to promote activities to school children.
17. After discussion, Members agreed to the proposed terms of reference and endorsed the establishment of the WG. H/GLO encouraged Members to exchange ideas in the WG for reaching out to more organisations for collaborative promotional activities.
18. The Chairperson then announced that the 1st meeting of the WG would be held in early August, 2023.

**Item 6: Update of International Urban Forestry Conference 2024
(CICG Paper No. 4/2023)**

19. Members were guided through a PowerPoint presentation on the preparatory work for the International Urban Forestry Conference 2024 (“IUFC2024”) scheduled for 10-12 April 2024. The IUFC2024 would be conducted in a hybrid mode, i.e., at an on-site venue at the Hong Kong Science Park, together with an online platform. The main theme would be “Sustainability”. Continuing the success from IUFC held in 2022, a dynamic Greater Bay Area session would be arranged to emphasise the value of collaboration with regional experts. Furthermore, a panel on publicly-chosen tree species would be included, allowing speakers and industry practitioners to explore community-selected tree species from various perspectives. A youth-focused technical session would also be included in the tentative programme.

20. The Chairperson expressed that the panel on publicly-chosen tree species presented a great opportunity to guide the public to consider what tree species were suitable for our community beyond considering their aesthetic value. The Assistant Director (Country Parks) of AFCD echoed the view and suggested GLTMS editing the panel discussion into education materials for promoting public awareness on this matter.
21. Regarding the theme of IUFC2024, Members expressed appreciation for the proposed theme, “Green Metropolis”. They agreed that topics related to sustainable development and planning were worth exploring.
22. On guest speakers, a Member suggested inviting officials from Mainland cities such as Guangzhou and Shenzhen to share their experiences in city planning and management. Another Member suggested inviting industry practitioners and private developers to share their visions for building a better living environment in Hong Kong. A Member noted that in addition to major cities like Guangzhou and Shenzhen, Zhongshan is well-known for its “Forest Town” 「森林小鎮」, thus it might be beneficial to invite the responsible officials to participate in IUFC2024. The Assistant Director (Country Parks) of AFCD further suggested that potential speakers could be invited from the “Shenzhen's Mountain-Sea-City Integration Plan” 「深圳山海連城計劃」, an urban planning project that emphasised the connection between the city and the ecological environment.
23. Concerning the youth-focused technical session, a Member proposed inviting industry practitioners to interact with students, with the potential to infuse the industry with fresh ideas. Another Member suggested inviting graduates for a meetup with the current students.
24. A Member noted that many large-scale urban forestry conferences were being held in the Mainland. She suggested that GLTMS promoting these Mainland conferences to our local communities to facilitate the exchange of ideas.
25. The Chairperson thanked Members for the comments and assured them that the IUFC2024 organising committee would consider their suggestions.

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Any Other Business

26. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

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