

## More than 400 volunteers take part in Green Recycling Day activities in support of Hong Kong Flower Show (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is once again holding Green Recycling Day (GRD) activities upon the conclusion of the 10-day Hong Kong Flower Show. The GRD activities were held today (March 24) and will continue tomorrow (March 25) at Victoria Park to reinforce green measures and reduce waste, demonstrating the department's commitment to environmental protection at its large-scale events.

More than 400 volunteers, in support of the Hong Kong Flower Show, assisted in separating and collecting reusable and recyclable materials at the showground for waste reduction today. These volunteers came from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, corporates, local organisations and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau's youth network Youth Link. There were also LCSD staff volunteers, as well as those recruited under the department's Green Volunteer Scheme.

In addition, around 3 500 pots of flowers in good condition and suitable for replanting were distributed to the public at the park's Sugar Street entrance today.

Some flowers suitable for replanting were also distributed to schools, environmental groups and non-governmental organisations via the "Give the Flowers a New Home!" Jockey Club Flower Replanting Scheme to encourage greening in the community. This year, over 10 000 potted plants were distributed to more than 80 organisations.

Meanwhile, some landscape displays will be relocated to designated parks in the 18 districts, enabling members of the public to appreciate the gorgeous landscape designs, as well as boosting the colour of the parks.

As in previous years, the LCSD has implemented various green measures at different stages of the flower show, encouraging all stakeholders including exhibitors, contractors, volunteers and members of the public to apply the 3R principles, namely "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle".

During the preparation phase, stakeholders were provided with guidelines on waste reduction. Exhibitors were encouraged to use recyclable or reusable materials in their display designs. While cleaning up the exhibits, they were reminded to collect reusable materials and separate the leftover materials properly before delivering them to recycling spots set up at the showground.

During the show period, visitors were encouraged to bring their own

water bottles and reusable shopping bags. QR codes were displayed at the showground for visitors to download the location map and information on the theme flower, landscape displays and more. A free tableware rental service was also provided to reduce the use of disposable plastic tableware, as part of the effort to reduce waste. Recyclables collection points were also set up to facilitate the collection of carton boxes, plastic flower pots and other plastics, soil, metals, wooden planks and more. Collection points for wilted flowers were also available for collecting so that they can be delivered to the Animal Waste Composting Plant in Ngau Tam Mei to be recycled into useful organic compost.

The LCSD hopes to gather community power through implementing various green measures to achieve the goal of a "Green Flower Show for All".

