## <u>Winning garden plots on display at</u> <u>Hong Kong Flower Show (with photos)</u>

The Hong Kong Flower Show 2024, currently running at Victoria Park, is displaying the winning entries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s Western and Oriental Style Garden Plot Competitions, in addition to beautiful floral arrangements and horticultural works.

Kwai Tsing District's "Joy in Nature" won the Oriental Style Garden Plot Competition while Yau Tsim Mong District's "Birdsong" is the winner of the Environmental Award for an Oriental Style Garden. Wan Chai District's "Vitality from Recycle" won both the Western Style Garden Plot Competition and the Environmental Award for a Western Style Garden. All entries in the Garden Plot Competitions were meticulously designed by staff of the District Leisure Services Offices of the LCSD.

The design of Kwai Tsing District's "Joy in Nature" is inspired by rural villages in the highland areas in northern Thailand. Inside the plot are Thai-style architecture and a garden lavishly planted with dazzling flowers and trees, offering a fascinating contrast of profound beauty. The design also adheres to the principle of recycling. For instance, the main stairway was built of felled trees upon processing and adorned with environmentally friendly materials, epitomising a green lifestyle. The tranquil and appealing decorations offer visitors a time of peace and relaxation.

The design concept of Yau Tsim Mong District's "Birdsong" is derived from a Thai garden with the theme of bird conservation. It is hoped that the charm of birdsongs in the midst of exquisite floral fragrance will raise awareness of bird conservation and allow visitors to realise the joy of connecting with nature.

Wan Chai District's "Vitality from Recycle" garden plot integrates ideas for greening with aesthetics of gardening. In this plot, the footpaths were paved with wood pieces from fallen trees; the pavilion was constructed with recycled materials; the small greenhouse was made of aquaponics plastic bottles; the little bridge was built with logs, and the landscaped water feature was created using piles of oyster shells. The garden plot so formed not only showcases its great natural beauty but also conforms with the principles of "recycle, reuse and regeneration". With lush and vibrant plant growth, the scenery in the garden looks distinctively alluring and exudes a lively ambience, whether it be in the morning or during sunset.

Members of the public can visit the flower show to enjoy the above winning entries and other garden plot designs. Meanwhile, the flower show is hosting an online voting campaign called My Most Favourite Garden Plot. Voters can choose their favourites from the garden plots of the 18 districts at the show, with a chance of winning free air tickets.

The flower show is running until this Sunday (March 24) from 9am to 9pm daily with some 420 000 flowering plants being on display. A rich diversity of educational and recreational fringe activities are also being held for the enjoyment of visitors of all ages.

The flower show is organised by the LCSD. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust is supporting the flower show for the 12th consecutive year and has been its major sponsor since 2014. This year's flower show is one of the events under Art March of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau. For more details of the show and its admission fee arrangements, please visit the webpage (<a href="https://www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2024/index.html">www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2024/index.html</a>) or call 2601 8260 for enquiry.









