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

The Hong Kong Flower Show 2019 is currently running at Victoria Park. Apart from beautiful floral arrangements and mosaiculture works, the winning entries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s Oriental Style Garden Plot Competition and Western Style Garden Plot Competition are also being displayed at the showground.

Yau Tsim Mong District's "Back to Nature" and Southern District's "Flower's Wishes" have won the Oriental Style Garden Plot Competition and the Western Style Garden Plot Competition respectively. "Flower's Wishes" is also the winner of the Environmental Award for a Western Style Garden Plot while the winner of the Environmental Award for an Oriental Style Garden Plot is Island District's "Bali, the Island of Happiness". All entries in the Garden Plot Competitions were designed by staff of the LCSD's District Leisure Services Offices.

The theme of "Back to Nature" is simple living, which means taking from nature, using for the benefit of nature, and giving back to nature. The garden features an immense biodiversity of plant species that can be found in the tropical rainforest: towering trees, gorgeous flowers, hardy ferns, pervasive lianas, and more. The plentiful supply of sunlight and rainfall provides a perfect stage on which individual plants thrive and synergise with each other.

The design of "Flower's Wishes" is to bring together different forms, textures and elements to create a cheerful Western-style garden with garlands of blooming flowers. The garden is adorned with various kinds of shrubs to showcase the flowers in their best light. In addition, naturally shaped stepping stones, a small pond and an ornamental fence also create a relaxing and joyful ambience for visitors.

The Hong Kong Flower Show has launched public voting for "The most popular garden plot in 18-district competition" and "The garden plot with best local characteristics in 18-district competition", and members of the public can vote via QR codes on-site or vote online.

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

For enquiries, please call 2601 8260 or visit the flower show webpage www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2019/index.html.

The flower show is organised by the LCSD. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust is supporting the flower show for the seventh consecutive

year and has been the show's Major Sponsor since 2014.









