Work Focus of the Greening and Landscape Office
Policy Objectives

- Enhance the quality of our living environment through active planting, proper maintenance and preservation of trees together with other vegetation
- Bring about noticeable improvements in urban greenery, to enhance existing greened areas and opportunities of quality greening during the planning and development of public works projects
Organisation of GLTM Section in DEVB

Report of the Task Force on Tree Management – “People, Tree, Harmony” in 2009

The policy responsibility on greening, landscape and tree management is vested with DEVB.

To implement greening, landscape and tree management in a holistic approach.

Central coordination of greening and landscape planning/design efforts.

Central authority and focal point for coordination to ensure more effective implementation of the “integrated approach” to tree management.

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Greening, Landscape & Tree Management (GLTM) Section

Greening & Landscape Office (GLO) (綠化及園境辦事處)

Tree Management Office (TMO) (樹木管理辦事處)
Work Focus of the Greening and Landscape Office

- Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities
- Enhancement of the quality of landscape design
- Promotion of new greening techniques
- Enhanced training and manpower development
- Enhancement of public education and community involvement
Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

- Increase the provision of sufficient quality space for future greening in new development sites and urban renewal sites

- Work with relevant departments to cater for space requirement for enhanced greenery coverage and planting on roads in the urban planning process

- Provide input in the formulation of the greenery coverage requirements for new private developments under the initiative on sustainable building designs
Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

• Impose a more stringent greenery coverage requirement for selected sites (e.g. Kai Tak Development)

  - An example of a major urban development areas – **Kai Tak Development** - 320 hectares
  
  - “Distinguished, Vibrant, Attractive and People-oriented area by the Victoria Harbour”

  - Planning theme of a “Heritage, green, sports and tourism hub”

  - “**A Green Web for Sustainable Development**” composing of network of parks, gardens, civic squares and waterfront for integrating the residential and commercial neighbourhoods, amounting to about **30%** of the total KTD area
Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

- Expand greening opportunities under different types of works projects through innovative application of landscape design

Before

After
Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

• Improve the cityscape through the Greening Master Plan (GMP)
  - The Hong Kong Government, in response to public aspiration for a district-based greening strategy, initiated the development of the Greening Master Plan to enhance the district character and better coordination of planting programmes implemented by various departments.
Greening Master Plans for the NT will be developed under 4 consultancies

- **NT North West** (covering Yuen Long and Tuen Mun)
- **NT South East** (covering Sha Tin and Sai Kung)
- **NT North East** (covering North District and Tai Po)
- **NT South West** (covering Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Island District)
Enhancement of the quality of landscape design

- Promote a **holistic and sustainable approach** to landscape design that takes account of not only the aesthetic dimension, but also lifecycle maintenance considerations.

- Formulate **technical standards and guidelines** on proper planting practices and landscape design.

- Provide **professional landscape advice** to various planning studies, area improvement plans and strategic projects.
Promotion of new greening techniques

- Promotion of new green technology – e.g. vertical greenery, roof greening
Promotion of new greening techniques

- Promote wider adoption of skyrise greening in form of vertical greening and roof greening in both public and private sectors
- Formulate guidelines on the selection of suitable plant species for vertical greening and roof greening
- Organise seminars for sharing of professional expertise and experience
- Promote rooftop greening among NGOs by:
  - offering financial assistance through the Environment and Conservation Fund
  - providing advice to overcome common technical hurdles
Enhanced training and manpower development

- Enhanced training to raise professional standard in the areas of greening and landscape

Example

**Skyrise Greenery Seminar Series**
- to promote skyrise greenery as a means of quality landscape and building design
Enhancement of public education and community involvement

- Foster a **culture of care for greenery** across the territory through community involvement and public education activities.

Examples: **Greening Newsletter**
- The first issue of the Greening Newsletter was launched in April 2011 providing a means to engage the public and publicise quality greening and landscape work.
Enhancement of public education and community involvement

Greening Website

- Disseminate useful information to the industry and the community at large through DEVB’s greening website (www.greening.gov.hk)
Exhibitions and talks

- Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Exhibitions
  • Contribution to the 2010 Fuzhou Forum on “Sustainable Built Environment – Greening Building and Low Carbon City”
  • Involvement in the MIPIM Asia 2011 to promote Government’s efforts in conservation of our natural environment and uplifting of the quality of our living environment through quality landscape design and greening works
- School talks and exhibitions
Promotion to schools and younger generation
- The “People, Trees, Harmony” photo contest in 2011 was opened to all secondary school students

Winning entry under the “Trees in urban environment” category
Winning entry under the “Attractive native plants” category
Winning entry under the “Beautiful old trees” category
Enhancement of public education and community involvement

Promotion to professionals & industry related groups
- Published & online materials, topics include Proper Planting Practice, tree care on construction site etc.
Community Involvement Committee on Greening

- In March 2011, a new Community Involvement Committee on Greening (CICG) under the chairmanship of Permanent Secretary for Works was established.
- To work with public, private and community organisations to identify greening opportunities, to advise on measures to encourage greening, quality landscape design and quality tree management and to foster an attitude of care for trees and the greened environment in the community.
Future Work Plan

1. “Tree and Landscape Maps” to promote appreciation of greening and landscape works as well as special trees/landscape features in Hong Kong
2. Skyrise greenery awards 2012
3. Teaching kit for liberal studies on Greening, Landscape and Tree Management
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