



Work Focus of the Greening and Landscape Office



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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

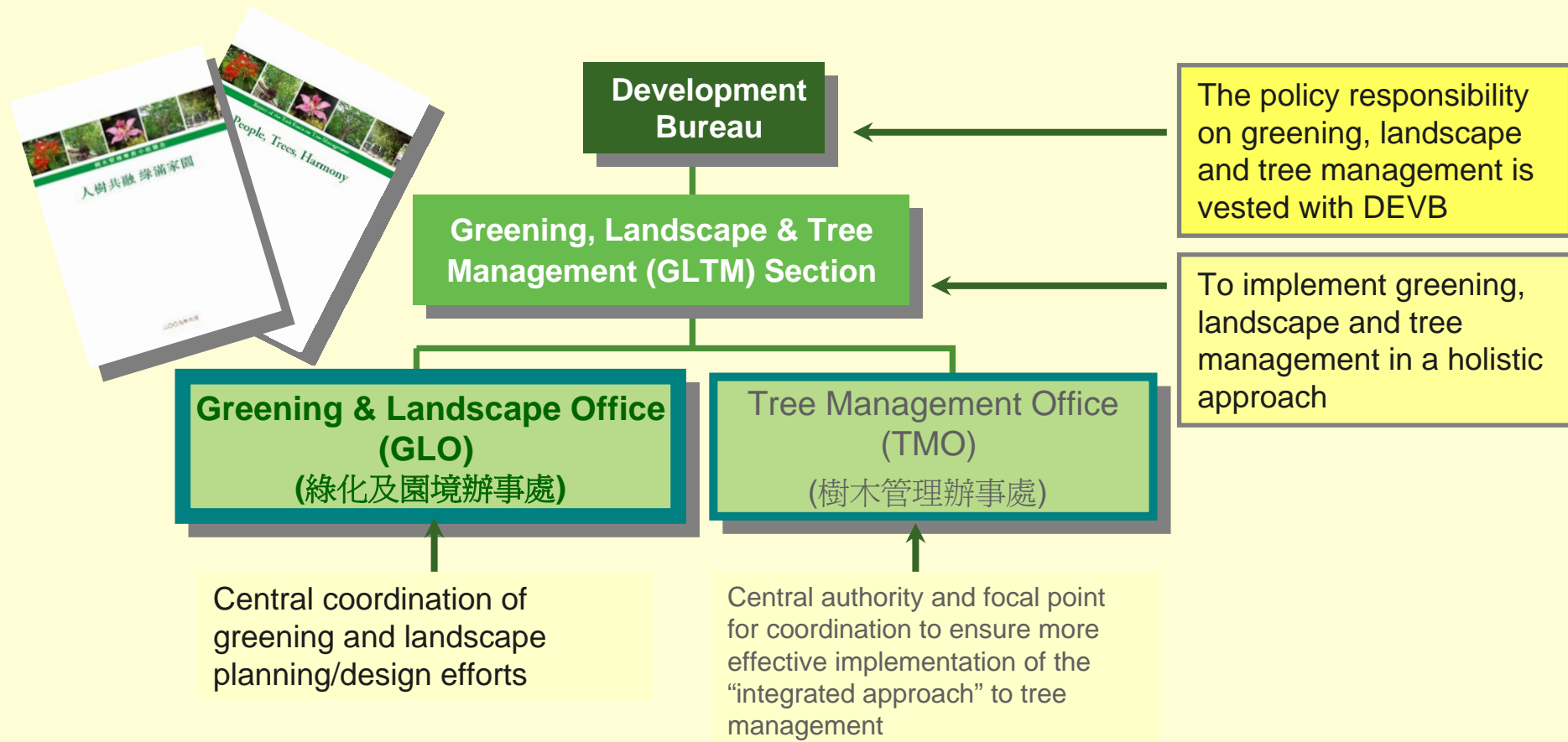


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Organisation of GLTM Section in DEVB

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



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



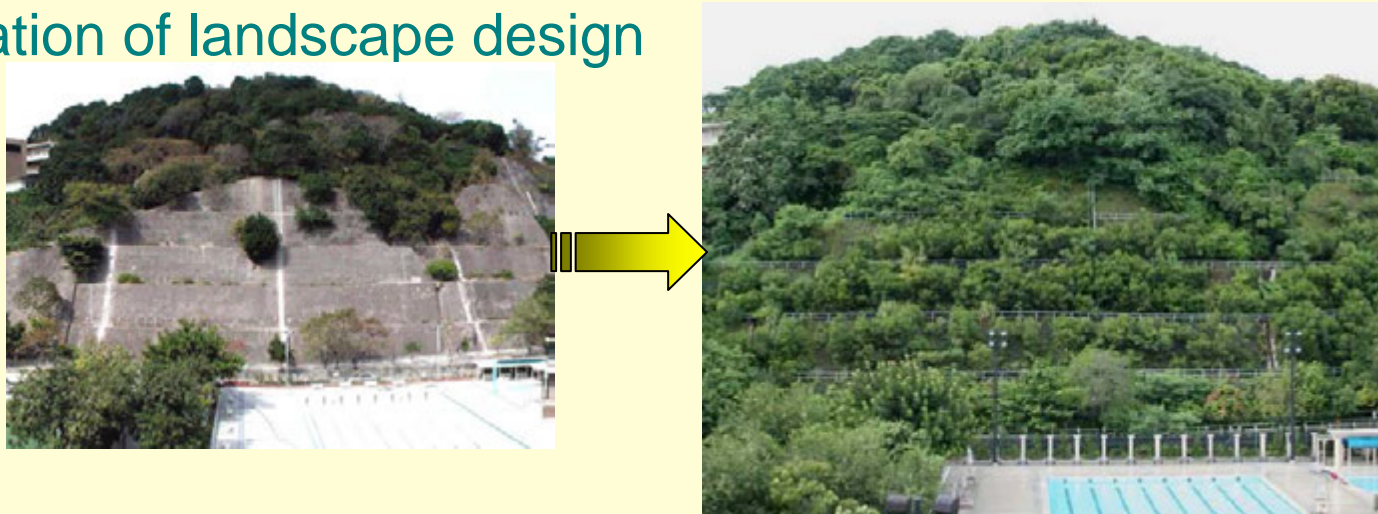
Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

- 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

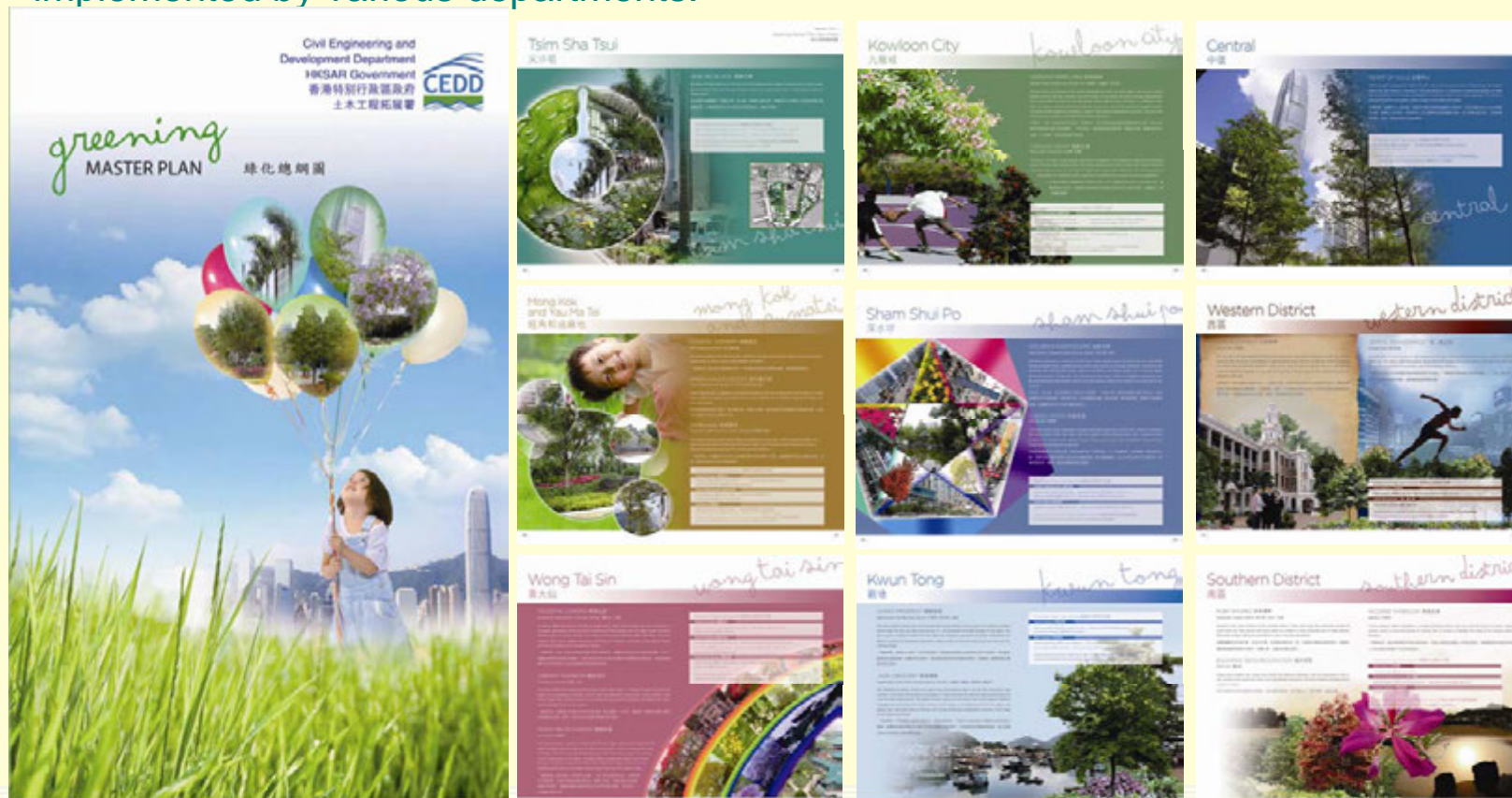


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Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

- 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.



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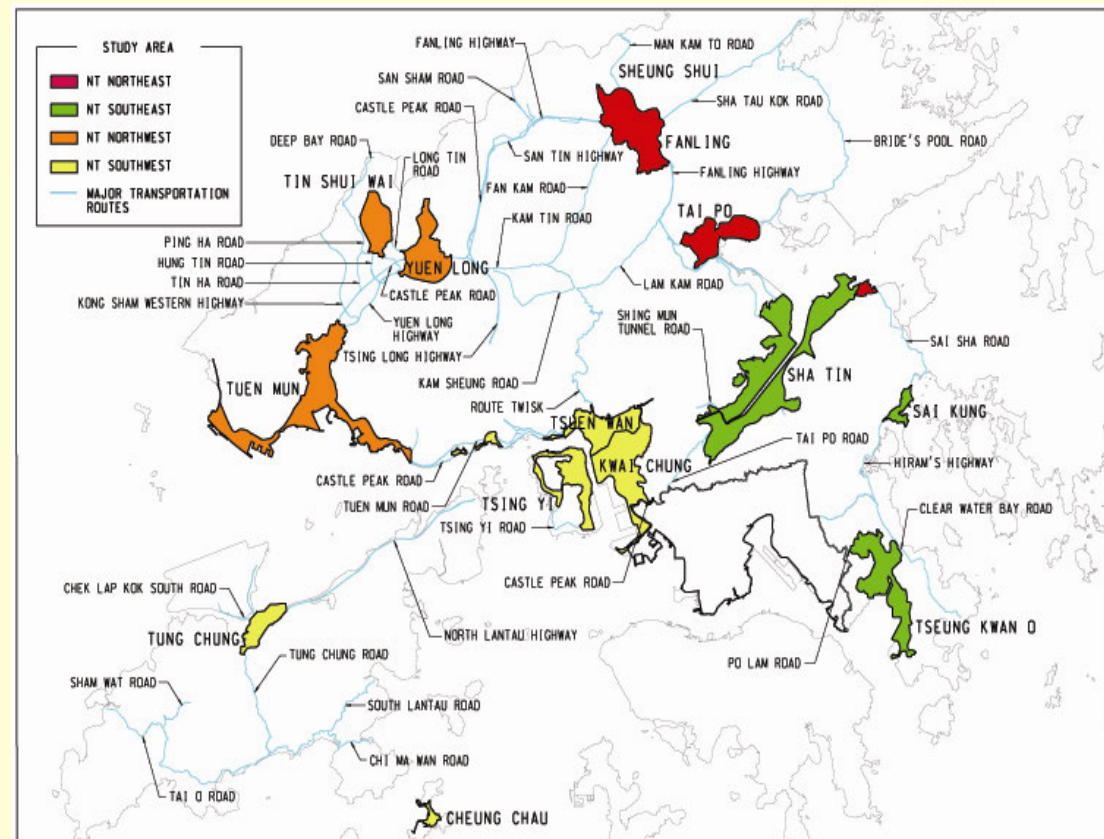
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Proactive identification of enhanced greening opportunities

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)

Tentative coverage of the study area



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



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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 skysrise 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



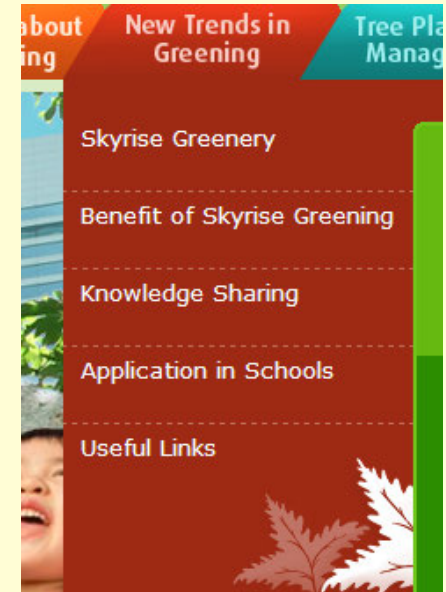
Enhanced training and manpower development

- 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



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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)

The screenshot displays the Greening Website interface. The main content area is titled 'Skyrise Greenery' and includes an 'Introduction' section. The text describes Skyrise Greening as a new concept of greenery in urban landscapes, encompassing all greenery on buildings and structures beyond the ground level. It lists various types of greenery, including roof greening, vertical greening, sky gardens, and terrace planting. The text also mentions that Skyrise Greening provides environmental benefits and enhances the aesthetic quality of the urban environment. Two main approaches are identified: roof greening and vertical greening. The page includes several images: a large tree on the left, a central image of a building with a green roof, and smaller images of various green roof types. A sidebar on the right contains 'What's new' and 'Special Topics' sections. The 'What's new' section lists 'Tree Management Videos' and 'Greening Newsletter'. The 'Special Topics' section includes 'A historical account of our city flower, Bauhinia blakeana', 'Aquilaria sinensis and origin of the name of Hong Kong', and 'About Mikania'. The website footer includes the Development Bureau logo and contact information.



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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



Enhancement of public education and community involvement

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



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Promotion to professionals & industry related groups

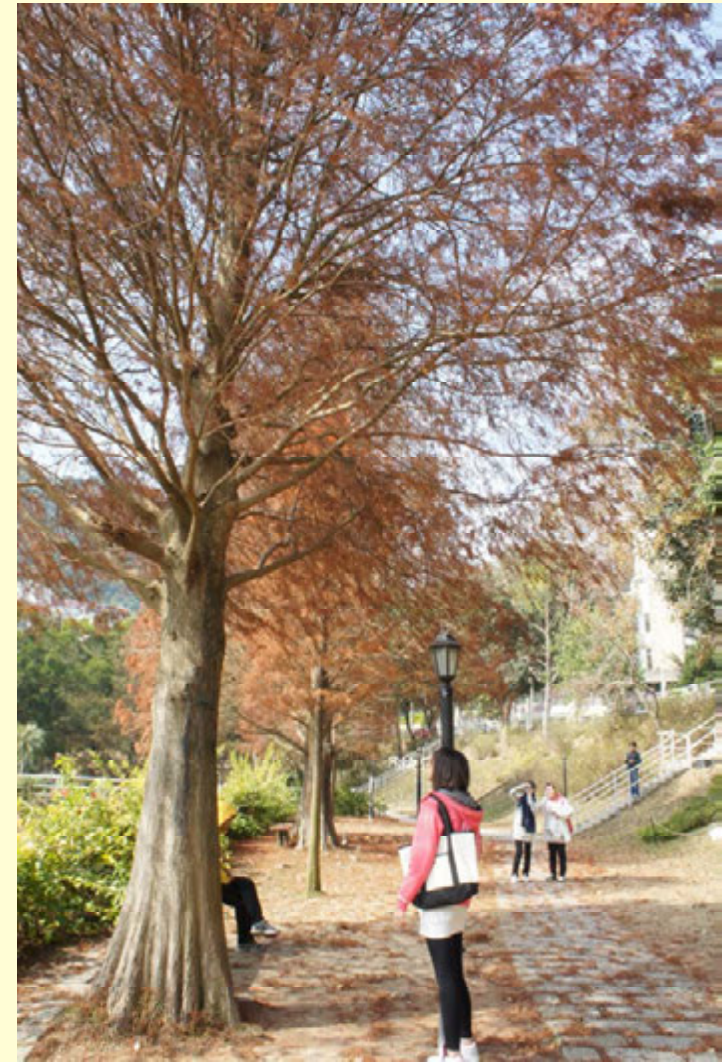
- Published & online materials, topics include Proper Planting Practice, tree care on construction site etc.



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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



Enhancement of public education and community involvement

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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