

保育一邨之樹 承傳歷史文化 Special tree is part of estate's living heritage



每一棵樹都茁壯成長為一個獨特故事,而香港很多古樹名木早已植根港人心中。經歷重建後仍然巍立於秀茂坪邨第九期的合歡樹,對該區居民別具意義。

合歡樹是落葉喬木,此樹擁有寬廣樹冠,外 形勻稱優雅,在2014年「最喜愛的古樹名木」 選舉中,獲選為「形態出眾」組別第一名。房 屋委員會高級園境師林斯明女士在1998年至 2003年期間參與該區的重建工作,她説此棵 合歡樹「大概比舊秀茂坪邨更為歷史悠久」。

她補充:「一些舊秀茂坪邨的居民或已遷回區內的新建屋邨生活,對他們來說,此棵合歡 樹便是秀茂坪歷史的一部分。」

此合歡樹高約20米,冠幅約34米,在重建早期,已獲確認為可以並應該保育的樹木。林 女士憶述:「合歡樹的生長位置原本用作興建 羽毛球場,但為保存此樹,我們特別改動 原有設計去遷就。」 Every tree has its own story – but many of Hong Kong's heritage trees have a special place in people's hearts. That is certainly the case with the elegant Silk Tree, or *Albizia julibrissin*, located at Phase 9 of the redeveloped Sau Mau Ping Estate.

With its extensive canopy and balanced form, this attractive deciduous tree took top prize in the category of "Remarkable Form and Size" in a public vote to determine "Our Favourite Old and Valuable Trees (OVTs)" in 2014. According to Miss Tracy Lam, a Senior Landscape Architect for the Housing Authority who worked on the area's renewal from 1998 to 2003, the tree is "probably older than the original Sau Mau Ping Estate".

She adds: "Some of the residents from the old estate would have moved back to the area to live in the new housing. So for them the tree is part of the living heritage of Sau Mau Ping."

Standing 20 metres in height, and with a crown extent of about 34 metres, the Silk Tree was identified in the early stages of the development as a tree that could and should be preserved. "Originally there were plans for a badminton court on the site, but because of the tree the layout was revised," remembers Lam.

排除萬難 悉心保育 Preservation – a painstaking process

項目團隊花了很多心思,確保合歡樹在重重工程下仍可健康生長。「由於合歡樹的其中一枝樹幹依傍著一幢一層高的建築物,我們當時擔心拆卸工程會傷害該枝幹。另外,此樹原本被數幢建築物包圍,作為保護屏障,拆卸建築物後,合歡樹將會完全暴露於強風之中。有見及此,在1998年年初,房屋署邀請了當時的市政總署派出樹木工程隊修剪合歡樹,隨後房屋署更安裝支架穩定樹身,2001年第九期工程完成後,該支架仍保留使用多年,直至樹木適應了新環境才拆除。

「我們亦禁止任何大型器械接近合歡樹的受保護範圍內,確保它不受工程影響。」與此同時,工程團隊亦安裝了臨時自動灑水系統,保持土壤濕潤並沖走樹上的污染物。

在今年4月,發展局公佈全新的《進行發展時保育 樹木指引》(請參閱www.trees.gov.hk)。林女士 對此表示歡迎,她説:「從多方面來說,這份指引 結集一系列成功經驗,例如秀茂坪邨重建項目, 提出最佳保育方式。項目團隊可善用當中的實用 資料,從規劃到完工,全程保育樹木。」
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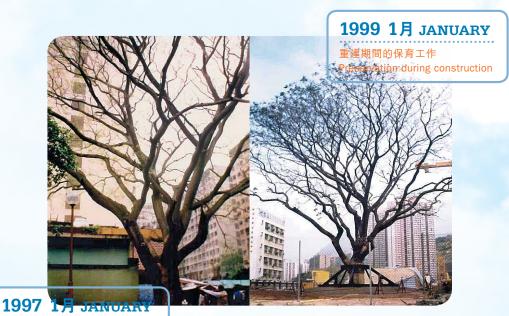
「這楞成齡大樹可即時改善景觀。 假如從樹苗開始種植, 需時數十 載方可長成大樹, 面一楞成齡樹為 環境稀遠每可此擬的價值, 盖內 展民国而得益不亦。」

"Having this mature tree gives an instant effect to the landscape. If you plant a tree, it takes years to grow to full size, whereas a mature tree adds significant environmental value, benefitting local residents."

林斯明 Tracy Lam

房屋委員會高級園境師 Senior Landscape Architect Housing Authority





合歡樹的原來生長面貌 Silk Tree in original site

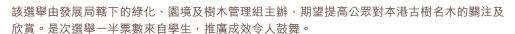
Every care was taken to make sure it survived the construction work going on around it. "One of the main branches was actually leaning on a one-storey small building and we worried that when it was demolished the branch would be at risk. Also, the tree had previously been well sheltered by the surrounding buildings and when they were demolished it became more exposed to strong winds. So some pruning work was done in early 1998 by a team of tree workers from ex-Urban Services Department and a propping structure was built later to support the tree for a number of years, even after Phase 9 was completed in 2001."

"We also made sure that the tree was not disturbed throughout the construction process, so no heavy machinery was allowed within the dripline of the tree." Meanwhile, a temporary automatic irrigation system was also installed to keep the soil hydrated and to wash away pollutants.

In April, the Development Bureau published its new "Guidelines on Tree Preservation during Development" (see details in www.trees.gov.hk). Welcoming its introduction, Lam says: "In many ways the document distils the best practices we have learned from successful projects like the one at Sau Mau Ping. It's very beneficial for helping to guide project teams in handling trees for preservation from the planning stage right up until the completion of buildings." 🛠

全城愛樹 投選最愛的古樹名木 Tree lovers cast vote of appreciation

去年「最喜愛的古樹名木」選舉反應熱烈,一眾 愛樹港人積極參與,讓最愛的樹木登上寶座。



古樹名木冊始於2004年,現已載列約500棵樹。選舉設有四個比賽組別,包括「形態出眾」、 「植物學及生態價值」、「歷史及文化意義」和「景觀貢獻」。❖

An impressive number of votes were cast by Hongkongers keen to put their favourite trees in the limelight in last year's "Our Favourite Old and Valuable Trees" contest.

Organised by the Development Bureau's Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section, the contest was designed to enhance public awareness and appreciation of the city's OVTs. And encouragingly for such efforts going forward, half of the votes came from students.

The OVT Register was started in 2004 and currently includes around 500 trees. The contest had four categories: "Remarkable Form and Size", "Botanical and Ecological Value", "Historical and Cultural Significance" and "Contribution in Landscape Setting". *



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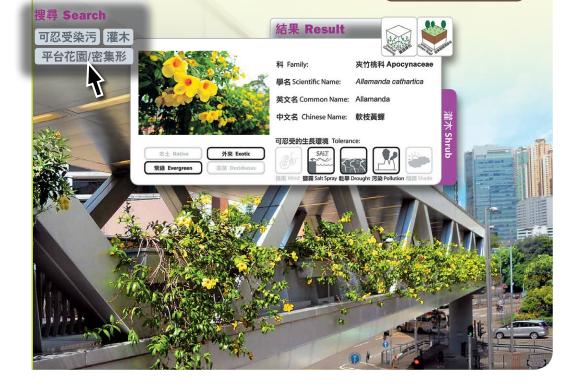
生活在大廈林立的都市,我們都希望親親大自然,及享用更多綠悠悠的空間。您有否 考慮過綠化天台或露台?

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Living in a densely built and crowded urban Hong Kong, many of us would like to get closer to nature and enjoy more greenery in our surroundings. Have you ever thought of creating green spaces at rooftops or your balconies?

If you are not sure about selecting suitable plant species, you will certainly find the online "Pictorial Guide to Plant Resources for Skyrise Greenery in Hong Kong" useful. This Guide includes concise information of more than one hundred local plant species in bilingual form which provides practical tips on planning, design and maintenance of skyrise greenery. In addition, you may also use our user-friendly online search function for sorting the right plant for the right place. Let's make our home greener together. 🛠

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關於褐根病的常見問題 Q&A of the Brown Root Rot (BRR) Disease

有害木層孔菌 (Phellinus noxius) 是什麼?

有害木層孔菌 (Phellinus noxius) 是一種會引致樹木患上褐根病的真菌,屬擔子菌門 (Basidiomycota) 刺革菌科 (Hymenochaetaceae) 木層孔菌屬 (Phellinus)。褐根病菌喜酸性、高溫及多濕環境。木層孔菌屬內的菌種均為典型木材白色腐朽菌,能透過微型菌絲等組織釋放酶,並降解細胞壁內木質素和多醣組成部分,如纖維素、半纖維素及果膠質,導致樹木木質腐爛。

What is Phellinus noxius?

Phellinus noxius is a fungus that causes BRR disease on trees. Belonging to the genus Phellinus, P. noxius is placed under the family of Hymenochaetaceae within the Phylum Basidiomycota. It prefers acidic, hot and humid conditions. The species within Phellinus are the typical white rotters, which can release enzymes through the action of microhyphae and decompose lignin and polysaccharides such as cellulose, hemicellulose and pectic substance, resulting in wood decay.

褐根病有否有效的治療方法?

根據現有的文獻和專家的意見,褐根病至今仍 未有有效的治療方法。預防勝於治療,採取正 確的種植和護養樹木方法是防範樹木感染褐根 病的最有效措施。

Is there an effective cure to BRR disease?

According to literatures and expert opinion, there is currently no effective cure for BRR disease. Nevertheless, prevention is better than cure. Proper tree planting and maintenance practices are the best precaution one can take against BRR disease.

褐根病現有什麼診斷方法?

現時主要有兩種診斷方法,以斷定樹 木有否患上褐根病,(1)實地進行目視 評估以作診斷及(2)在實驗室以真菌分 離法及/或分子技術進行診斷。

What are the methods available for diagnosis of BRR disease on trees?

There are currently two main levels of diagnostic methods available for determination of BRR disease in trees, (1) field diagnosis through visual tree assessment and (2) laboratory diagnosis through fungal isolation method and/or molecular diagnosis.

我怎樣能認識更多 關於褐根病?

樹木網內有香港褐根病的詳盡資料, 請觀看「褐根病─診斷、防控及管理 策略」的教育短片,該片以生動的插 圖及動畫説明如何識別懷疑褐根病個 案,以及介紹管理策略及移除染病樹 木的程序。❖

How can I learn more about BRR disease?

Comprehensive information about the BRR disease in Hong Kong is available on the Trees website. Please take a look at the educational video on "Brown Root Rot Disease - Diagnosis, Control and Management Strategy" which contains vivid illustrations and animations on identification of suspected BRR cases, management strategies and removal procedures. **







緣化、園境及樹木管理組自去年底推行「護樹伙伴」計劃,邀請全港中小學生參加,計劃主要 透過講座形式讓學生了解更多樹木生理及護養常識以及樹木在市區所扮演的角色,從而學習 如何愛護樹木。在校園附近的實地導賞環節,學生能夠親身體驗樹木與週遭環境的互動,以 及如何辨認樹木的健康和結構狀況。學生更可利用「識別問題樹木小冊子」,學習如何有系統 地檢查樹木,找出反映樹木健康的徵狀和病徵,適時報告有問題及存在風險的樹木,讓相關 部門作出跟進。

相信計劃有助學生從小培養對身邊大自然的欣賞和認識,為達至「人樹共融,綠滿家園」 出一分力。**茶**

School students participated in the caring of trees through the "Tree Care Partner" programme launched by the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section since late 2014. This programme equips students with the knowledge on tree physiology and tree maintenance and their roles in urban areas through talks. The guided tour around the campus also let students understand the interaction between trees and the surrounding environment so that they can learn how to examine the health and structural conditions of trees. Through a booklet on "Identification of Problem Trees", students also learnt how to systematically conduct tree inspection and identify the symptoms and signs of tree health. With this basic knowledge, they can report the problem trees to the relevant government departments to follow up.

This programme helps develop students' sense of appreciation and understanding towards the nature and join hands together with the government to achieve "People, Trees, Harmony". **

都市快拍 SNAPSHOTS

《古樹名木冊》 增添了新成員 New Entry on the Register of Old and Valuable Trees

最近,《古樹名木冊》內新增了一棵 位於沙田的樟樹。樟樹是生長緩慢 的本地常綠喬木,它是郊野及鄉村 附近風水林內常見的樹種。此樹擁 有寬闊的樹冠和均稱的樹形,為附 近鄉村環境增添綠悠悠的景緻。❖

古樹名木冊 Register of Old and Valuable Trees





A mature camphor tree in Shatin was added to the Register of Old and Valuable Trees recently. The tree is a slow-growing native evergreen species, which is common in "fung shui" woods near villages and countryside. This tree has a wide tree crown with balanced form that enhances the greenery in the village environment. *



美麗胡枝子是本地原生的直立灌木,常見於灌木叢及林緣,每逢夏季七至九月盛放著 一串串紫紅色的小花。它如很多胡枝子屬的植物般較能適應貧瘠土壤以及有助減少水 土流失。美麗胡枝子也是日本宮城縣的縣花,在古代人們利用它的枝條來製成「宮城 野萩筆」的筆軸,作為獻給將軍的書寫工具。❖

Lespedeza thunbergii subsp. formosa (Beautiful Lespedeza) is a native erect shrub which is commonly found in thickets and margins of forests. Its delicate purple-red flowers bloom in summer months from July to September. This species is tolerant to arid soil and hence can contribute to soil conservation. In addition, the Beautiful Lespedeza is the prefecture flower of Miyagi in Japan and has been used to make the brush handle of the Sendai writing brushes as gifts to generals in ancient times. 🛠

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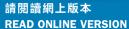
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