

EPD announces arrangements for peach blossom trees recycling programme

To encourage the recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (January 23) called on members of the public and commercial and industrial (C&I) organisations to recycle peach blossom trees (PBTs) intended for disposal after the Chinese New Year under the PBTs recycling programme. An EPD contractor will recycle suitable collected PBTs into useful materials such as mulch for planting purposes and compost to encourage onward recycling. The programme arrangements are as follows:

- Collection Period: February 1 to 8.
- Collection Points: A central collection point (CCP) in the EcoPark, Tuen Mun and 43 district collection points (including 37 refuse collection points and six Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities). Please refer to the Annex for the locations and opening hours of the collection points. If members of the public and C&I organisations need to recycle PBTs from February 9 to 15, appointments should be made with the EPD's contractor (Tel: 9706 6549) prior to the delivery of PBTs to the CCP in the EcoPark.

An EPD spokesman said that the programme is limited to the recycling of PBTs. All decorations, including fai-chun and tape on the PBTs, should be removed before delivery to the collection points to facilitate subsequent recycling processes. Members of the public are also encouraged to replant other small potted plants such as tangerine trees and reuse festival decorations to help reduce waste and conserve resources.

An e-certificate will be issued to members of the public and organisations delivering PBTs to the CCP for recycling to recognise their support for environmental conservation. For details of the programme, please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/2020-peach-blossom-trees-recycling-programme.html.

The EPD also welcomes other organisations and associations to provide PBT recycling services for the public and C&I organisations to help enhance waste reduction efforts for all.