

EPD to launch 2022 Peach Blossom Trees Recycling Programme

To encourage the recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (January 26) 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. The Programme arrangements are as follows:

- February 7 to 14

Collection points: A central collection point at Y·PARK, and 54 district collection points (DCPs) (comprising 11 GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stations, six Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities and 37 public refuse collection points). Please refer to the Annex for the locations and opening hours of the collection points.

- February 15 to 21

Members of the public and C&I organisations can deliver their PBTs to Y·PARK direct during the operating hours (9am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday).

An EPD spokesman said that two new collection points, GREEN@WAN CHAI and GREEN@SAI KUNG under GREEN@COMMUNITY, are included in the DCP network this year to facilitate public participation. The PBTs collected and other yard waste will be turned into various recyclable products at Y·PARK to facilitate their reuse, recycling or upcycling into decorative and wood art products and more. The Programme is limited to the recycling of PBTs. Members of the public should pay attention to clean recycling, and all decorations, including fai chun and tape, should be removed before delivery to facilitate subsequent recycling processes. They are also encouraged to replant small potted plants such as tangerine trees and reuse festival decorations to help reduce waste and conserve resources. Meanwhile, the recently completed Natural Christmas Trees (NCTs) Recycling Programme has received a total of about 3 000 NCTs, resulting in the avoidance of about 30 tonnes of yard waste being disposed of at landfills. The quantity of yard waste collected in the NCTs Recycling Programme has been quite consistent in the past few years.

An e-certificate will be issued to participants who deliver PBTs to Y·PARK or the GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stations for recycling. Participants who deliver PBTs to the GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stations will also receive a gift and can register to become GREEN\$ members, who can then earn GREEN\$ for the redemption of gift items after the submission of recyclables. For details of the Programme and the GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme, please visit the following websites:

PBTs Recycling Programme:

www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/Peach_Blossom_Trees_Recycling_Programme_2022.htm

GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme:

www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/community/crn_intro.htm.

The EPD also welcomes other organisations and associations to provide their own recycling services for PBTs to help the public and C&I organisations to support waste reduction and carbon reduction for all.