

Fragrant flowers to go on display at Hong Kong Park (with photos)

Members of the public will have a chance to take a closer look at different species of fragrant flowers at an exhibition to be held from September 20 (Friday) at the Forsgate Conservatory in Hong Kong Park under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

Plants with fragrant flowers are commonly used in gardening and home greening because of the rich, pleasant and refreshing scents that they emit. A rich variety of about 700 fragrant flowers will be showcased at the upcoming exhibition, including Arabian jasmine, Orange-jessamine, Crepe jasmine, Kwai-fah and Banana shrub.

As the national flower of the Philippines and Indonesia, Arabian jasmine is suitable for home cultivation. Its white flowers are fragrant and can be used for making tea.

The white flowers of Orange-jessamine have a powerful fragrance. It is a common choice for hedges due to its resilience.

The refreshing scent of the white flowers of Crepe jasmine makes it a popular choice for garden landscaping.

With tiny yellowish-white flowers that emit long-lasting and refreshing fragrance, Kwai-fah is often used in making desserts, brewing scented tea and creating floral liqueur.

The flowers of the Banana shrub are pale yellow with a rich, banana-like perfume. The Chinese name of the plant means "wearing a smile", because the flowers, usually partially open, resemble a person with a shy and reserved smile.

In addition to the presentation of over 40 species of fragrant flowers, display boards will also be set up to introduce their characteristics, planting tips and propagation methods. Park visitors are invited to attend the exhibition, which will be open to the public free of charge from 9am to 5pm daily from September 20 to October 31 at the Forsgate Conservatory of Hong Kong Park, 19 Cotton Tree Drive, Central.

