

## More than 300 volunteers take part in flower show's Green Recycling Day activities (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is once again holding Green Recycling Day (GRD) activities upon the conclusion of the 10-day Hong Kong Flower Show. The GRD activities were held today (March 25) and will continue tomorrow (March 26) at Victoria Park to reinforce green measures and reduce waste, reflecting the department's commitment to implementing green measures for environmental protection in its large-scale events.

More than 300 volunteers including those from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, corporates, environmental groups and local organisations, as well as volunteers from the LCSD and Green Volunteers, assisted in separating and collecting reusable and recyclable materials at the showground for waste reduction today.

In addition, around 3 000 pots of flowers that are suitable for replanting were distributed to the public at the park's Sugar Street entrance.

As in previous years, landscape displays suitable for reuse and flowers suitable for replanting were relocated to LCSD parks and amenity areas. Meanwhile, some of the flowers suitable for replanting were also distributed via the "Give the Flowers a New Home!" Jockey Club Flower Replanting Scheme to schools, environmental groups and non-governmental organisations to encourage greening in the community. This year, over 10 000 potted plants were distributed to some 70 organisations.

The LCSD has implemented various green measures at different stages of the flower show, encouraging all stakeholders including exhibitors, contractors, volunteers and members of the public to apply the 3R principles, namely "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle".

During the preparation phase, stakeholders were provided with guidelines on waste reduction. Exhibitors were encouraged to use recyclable or reusable materials in their display designs. While cleaning up the exhibits, they were reminded to collect reusable materials and separate them properly before delivering them to recycling spots set up at the showground.

During the show period, visitors were encouraged to bring their own water bottles and green shopping bags. QR codes were displayed at the showground for visitors to download the location map and information on the theme flower, landscape displays and more. Free tableware rental service was also provided to reduce use of disposable plastic tableware, as part of the effort to reduce waste.

Recyclables collection points were also set up to facilitate the collection of carton boxes, plastic flower pots and other plastics, soil, metals, wooden planks and more. Collection points for wilted flowers were also available for collecting wilted plants so that they can be delivered to the Animal Waste Composting Plant in Ngau Tam Mei for being recycled into useful organic compost.

The flower show hoped to gather community power through implementing various green measures to achieve the goal of a "Green Flower Show for All".

