<u>Various activities and offers to be</u> <u>launched for National Ecology Day 2024</u>

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) will launch various special activities and offers from August 15 to 31 for the public to support and participate in the second National Ecology Day (NED).

The Hong Kong Wetland Park will offer free admission and activities on August 15. Members of the public can also enjoy a special discount of 18.5 per cent off for gift redemptions or e-coupons on the GREEN\$ Mobile App, at GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stations, Recycling Stores (excluding Recycling Spots) and gift redemption units provided by the Environmental Protection Department at various locations on August 15. Moreover, free workshops will be held at T·Park on August 25.

During August 16 and 21, the Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) will hold a thematic exhibition for the NED at G/F, Central Atrium, Olympian City 2. The exhibition will showcase the culture and nature ecology of Hong Kong's countryside through a variety of displays, virtual reality games and interactive zones. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will also organise four BioBlitz Experiential Tours in Pok Fu Lam Country Park and the Lions Nature Education Centre for the public to explore the local wildlife and learn about the beautiful and unique nature ecology of Hong Kong.

Furthermore, over 30 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will provide a series of free activities and offers, including free admission to facilities, free guided eco-tours, night safaris, workshops and seminars.

A spokesman for the EEB said, "The country designated August 15 as NED last year to promote society's awareness towards ecological civilisation and environmental protection. Through the above-mentioned activities and offers, the HKSAR Government and NGOs aim to enhance the public's awareness of ecological civilisation and their consciousness of the need for thought and action to protect our environment, with a view to echoing our country's continuous efforts in advancing ecological civilisation construction and promoting the modernisation of harmonious coexistence between man and nature. We are very grateful for the relevant organisations' participation and appeal to the public for active participation in the activities concerned."

Details of the NED exhibition and relevant special activities and offers have been uploaded to the social media platform of the Countryside Conservation Office (www.facebook.com/countrysideconservationhk), the social media platform of T·PARK (www.facebook.com/tparkhk), the Hong Kong Biodiversity Information Hub website of the AFCD (bih.gov.hk/en/education-programmes/programmes/index.html) as well as the websites or social media platforms of participating organisations.