

# Zoological Education Exhibition to introduce work of HKZBG in conservation

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold the Zoological Education Exhibition 2019 at six selected LCSD parks from November 30 this year to March 5, 2020. With "Connect with Wilderness" as the theme this year, the exhibition will introduce the work of the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (HKZBG) in conservation. Members of the public can also learn more about the importance of conservation through themed talks to be held at the HKZBG.

The HKZBG has been actively promoting animal and plant conservation in collaboration with other government departments and non-governmental organisations. It holds activities including educational talks, guided tours and an Animal Exchange Programme and a Conservation Breeding Programme. A spokesman for the LCSD said that the department hopes that the exhibition can help the public know more about the work of the HKZBG in animal conservation and raise their awareness of nature conservation.

The roving exhibition will be held at six parks, namely the HKZBG, Hong Kong Park, Tuen Mun Park, Yuen Long Park, Tai Po Waterfront Park and Kowloon Park. It will start at the HKZBG, where the exhibition will be held from November 30 to January 30, 2020. To launch the event, Meet-the-Zookeepers sessions and Orienteering Fun activities will also take place during the exhibition's first two days (November 30 and December 1) at the HKZBG.

Zookeepers of the HKZBG will tell participants about their experience of daily primate and bird care as well as animal conservation. Moreover, the public can join the Orienteering Fun activities to appreciate and familiarise themselves with different species of animals and plants through touring various facilities in the HKZBG.

To tie in with the theme of the roving exhibition, four educational talks will be held on November 30 and December 1 at the HKZBG featuring the topics "The Restoration of Nature", "Is Seahorse a Fish?", "Feed with Love?" and "Walking Sticks". Guided tours will also be provided, during which participants can tour the HKZBG and see for themselves the mammals, birds and reptiles being kept there. There will also be a display of specimens at the HKZBG to help members of the public understand more about animals.

In addition, booth games will be set up at the HKZBG. Members of the public will receive souvenirs after completing the games. All activities are free of charge. Interested parties are welcome to join the activities on the spot. Please refer to the annex for information on the exhibition periods of the six parks and details of the "Meet-the-Zookeepers" sessions, Orienteering Fun activities, educational talks, guided tours and booth games at the

HKZBG. Park visitors will find plenty to enjoy while taking part in these interactive and fun activities, the spokesman said. For enquiries, please contact the LCSD's Zoological and Horticultural Education Unit at 2723 6053 or the HKZBG at 2530 0154 during office hours.