

HK · Love · Trees launches 10 "Moving banyan" buses across Hong Kong



**Champion of Senior Group** Law Kwan Yi - Kwai Ming Wu Memorial School Of The Precious Blood (P.5)

**Champion of Junior Group** Cheung Ka Tai - S.K.H. St. Peter's Primary School (P.2)

(5 February 2008, Hong Kong) "Moving Banyan Tree" Bus Body Design Competition, one of the highlights of the HK  $\cdot$  Love  $\cdot$  Trees programme co-organized by NWS Holdings Charities Foundation Limited and Green Power, was proved a great success. The response was overwhelming that more than 4,200 entries were received. With a theme of the relationship between banyan trees and Hong Kong people, primary pupils demonstrated their talents through creative bus body design. The respective winning entries of each category of Junior Group (P.1-P.3) and Senior Group (P.4-P.6) category were adopted on 10 "Moving banyan" buses running across the territory in Hong Kong, in order to arouse public awareness on banyan tree conservation and bring Hong Kong some freshness.

According to the judging criteria, the relevance to subject, overall appearance and creativity, the judges commented that the standards of the entries were high in general. The champion of Senior Group was able to show the theme "banyan trees conservation" clearly, while it took a special aerial-view that successfully made it stand out from the rest. The winning design of Junior Group was presented by various drawing techniques, and the idea was creative yet full of childlike feelings.

 $HK \cdot Love \cdot Trees$  is the first large-scale, sustainable tree conservation project in Hong Kong, which encourages people to share precious collective memories about local trees. Following "Banyan Tree of Hong Kong People" Election and "Moving Banyan Tree" Bus Body Design Competition, "Memories Under Banyan Tree" Writing Competition is now proceeding while "Our Banyan Tree" Photo Competition and "Journey of Trees" Teachers' Workshop will be coming soon. Members of the public, teachers and students are welcome to participate in these activities.

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## **Green Power**

Green Power is dedicated to environmental education. We encourage the public to learn about rich natural resources and hence protect the environment in Hong Kong. Following programmes focused on butterflies and rivers, we have now launched programmes to conserve trees. We conduct diverse, sustainable community education activities, through which members of the public can learn more about trees and participate in tree conservation and environmental protection.

## $HK \cdot Love \cdot Trees$

 $HK \cdot Love \cdot Trees$  was established in September 2007, which is the first large-scale, sustainable tree conservation project in Hong Kong. As well as covering ecology, the project spans historical and cultural aspects of trees for the first time in Hong Kong, and encourage people to share precious collective memories about local trees. We hope that, by learning about and making friends with trees, we can better protect and preserve these treasures of our earth.

The official website <u>www.hk-love-trees.net</u> adopts a "sentimental" approach, introducing trees in Hong Kong, the relationship between trees and humans, ecology, and threats trees face. There is also detailed information about banyan trees – the theme of the first year programme, such as characteristics, species and precious photos. Following the "Banyan Tree of Hong Kong People" election and "Moving Banyan Tree" Bus Body Design Competition, there will be a series of activities for the public, teachers and students, such as "Memories Under Banyan Tree" Writing Competition, "Our Banyan Tree" Photo Competition and "Journey of Trees" Teachers' Guidebook and Workshop.

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