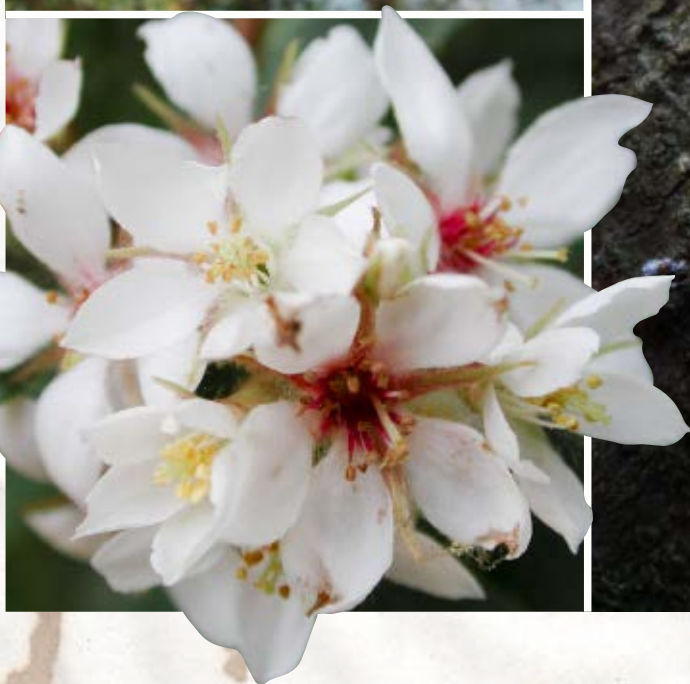


GROUP TREE PLANTING



ABOUT KFBG



KFBG is a nature conservation and education centre located on the northern slopes of Tai Mo Shan in the New Territories. With educational displays featuring themes on South China biodiversity, native wildlife conservation, organic farming, and sustainable living, KFBG offers a wide-range of educational experiences and receives over 160,000 visitors annually.



ABOUT THE GROUP TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME



The upper slopes around Tai Mo Shan were probably covered by healthy forest for millions of years until humans came along and cut and burned it down. With the rich forest soil being washed away by the rain and strong wind, young leaves of seedlings being eaten by the feral cattle, and the hillside being swept across by wildfire every few years, it has been difficult for the forest to re-establish itself. KFBG would like to invite corporation staff to work with our scientists to carry out part of this huge, long-term experiment to find the best conditions to help trees thrive on this high hillside and to grow into a diverse forest. Your involvement will contribute to the success of this experiment.



SILENT WALK

A simple breathing exercise (emptying the mind and focusing on breathing) followed by a silent walk to the planting site will allow participants to reconnect to nature, and help them to release stress and find some inner peace.



TREE PLANTING

In this project, different native tree species will be planted in groups. Tree guards will be used to improve the survival chances of tree seedlings. Participants will be divided into groups to work out the most efficient way to complete different tasks such as planting seedlings and setting tree guards. While designing the work flow and allocating tasks, participants will be able to understand the importance of their role in a team and it really does make a difference when teams collaborate effectively. The work must meet a rigorous scientific standard so that the experiment, lasting many years, will be valid.





Content & Objective:

During the tree-planting activity, participants will acquire understanding about reforestation in Hong Kong, the values of native trees, and also will carry out planting of tree seedlings on the hill slopes. During the silent walk, participants will feel relieved and more connected to nature. The whole experience will also increase co-operation, enhance communication skills, and develop team spirit.

Number of Tree Seedlings to be Planted:

Average 1-2 seedling(s) per person (After planting the seedling, participants will set up tree guard(s), remove weeds and add compost or Biochar to enhance seedlings' chance of survival)

Materials & Tools:

KFBG will provide planting materials, tools and tree seedlings.

Period:

1st May – 31st July
(Mon – Sat, except public holidays)

Duration:

Approximately 4.5 hrs (0900 - 1330 hrs)

Target & Group Size:

Adult, a minimum of 20 people to a maximum of 40 people

Fees: HK\$250 per person

Insurance:

All groups are advised to arrange for their own insurance coverage for the persons participating in this tree planting activity.

Shuttle Bus Arrangement:

Vehicles with over 24 seats are not allowed inside KFBG. As the roads around KFBG are steep and narrow, only authorised 24-seater coach-drivers can drive inside KFBG to the tree-planting site. The fee is estimated \$1,800/coach and two seats need to be reserved for KFBG staff and volunteer in each coach. All participating organisations would be responsible for the arrangement of own shuttle bus (To and from gathering point to the reception of KFBG, then upper area) and payment of this transportation fee. Contact of the shuttle bus companies would be provided when successfully registered to the programme. Details of the charges are shown in the following table:

No. of Participants	No. of Coach(es) Required	Estimated Total Charge
20 - 22	1	\$1,800
23 - 40	2	\$3,600

TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Location	Approximate time required
Introduction, safety briefing	KFBG Reception & Plaza	10 minutes
Transport by 24-seater coach to the upper area		20 minutes
Alight the coach, collect tree seedlings, planting materials, breathing exercise and a silent walk uphill to the tree-planting site	KFBG Upper Hillside Area	20 minutes
Briefing on tree planting techniques and safety guidelines	Tree Planting Site	3 hours
Walk back to the coach and return tools		20 minutes
Travel downhill by 24-seater coach to the Reception		20 minutes

APPLICATION

Please refer to the Application Form for Group Tree Planting Programme.

CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES

1. KFBG will confirm acceptance of the application by email within **10 days** upon receiving the application form. A payment voucher will be sent to successful applicants via post two months before the date of visit.
2. For the payment of programme fee, a crossed cheque made payable to “Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corporation” should be posted to “Education Department, Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden, Lam Kam Road, Tai Po, N.T. ” within **one week** after receiving the confirmation notice. Please mark “Application for Group Tree Planting Programme” on the envelope.
3. Any request for changes or cancellation of booking must be submitted in writing either by fax (fax: 2483 7199) or mailed to KFBG at least **two weeks** before the scheduled visit date. Otherwise, changes and refund (if applicable) will not be considered.
4. No change of the date for tree planting is allowed after confirmation. If a group wishes to change to another date for tree planting, it will be necessary to submit a new application.

INQUIRIES

Ms. Rose Chung Tel: 2483 7112 Email: rosechung@kfbg.org





TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES AND PRECAUTIONS

1. Please bring along your own water bottles and enough drinking water. There is no bottled water available at KFBG.
2. The footpaths are muddy and sometimes slippery. It is highly recommended that you wear appropriate clothing (e.g., sports/hiking shoes, light-coloured outdoor wear, e.g. long sleeves and trousers).
Please also bring along your hats and umbrellas/raincoats, in case of rain, and insect repellent (such as citronella-based insect deterrent). Be prepared to get dirty and sweaty.
3. Please follow the instructions of our staff at all times. They are concerned about your safety and well-being.
4. Toilet facilities are available in the Reception area. It is, therefore, highly recommended that you use these facilities upon arrival; otherwise, you may need to wait until the end of the programme.
5. As you need to carry the tree seedlings, tools, planting materials and walk for about 20 minutes uphill to the tree-planting site, please take into account your physical fitness. Please have enough sleep the day before this activity.
6. Tree planting equipment will be provided. Equipment should be handled with care and must be returned to our staff in good condition after the planting activity has been completed.
7. This activity is strenuous and is NOT recommended for very young or elderly persons. The tree planting is held on the steep slopes of Tai Mo Shan; for those who have acrophobia, vertigo or not capable in walking on steep slopes, please carefully consider whether it is suitable for you to participate in this activity.








GENERAL VISITORS' GUIDELINES

1. Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) is a conservation and education centre. Please be environmentally conscious and help us preserve the harmony of nature for people and wildlife.
2. Please be conscious of your own safety. Be careful around steep slopes, terraces and bridges and keep children under control.
3. Except with the written permission of the Executive Director, persons under the age of 16 years are required to be accompanied by a person of at least 18 years of age who is responsible for the activities of the young person.
4. Gathering place should be at Reception Plaza.
5. Please keep KFBG clean.
6. No picking, snapping or moving plants in KFBG.
7. No feeding, catching or disturbing any animals in KFBG.
8. No removing stones or damaging the facilities in KFBG.
9. No animals can be brought into KFBG.
10. No lighting of fires or setting-up barbecues in KFBG.
11. Photography for commercial purposes is not permitted.
12. Smoking is only permitted at the designated Smoker's Den.
13. Visitors should refrain from walking on terraces, in streams or restricted areas.
14. Young people are required to behave in an orderly and safe manner; shouting and charging around, which are not conducive to a safe and meaningful learning experience, are not permitted. Teachers / Group Leaders are responsible for the behaviour of the young people in their care.
15. A maximum ratio of 1:12, adults to young people, is expected so as to facilitate a positive, safe, learning experience. Large groups should split down into subgroups of 12 students for the entire visit to enable a meaningful experience. Teachers and other leader that do not follow this ratio may be asked to leave.
16. Visitors must not operate or play, or make any sounds on, any musical or other instrument, including any sound device, loud hailer, gramophone or radio apparatus, or sing any song or shout without the written permission of the Executive Director. Please keep quiet while passing by rehabilitation centres or any animal cages.
17. Visitors must not advertise, deliver a public speech, lecture, prayer, scripture or sermon, or hold or take part in a public gathering, meeting or procession as defined in the Public Order Ordinance (Cap 245) without the written permission of the Executive Director.
18. Visitors must not except with the Executive Director's written permission display any notice, sign, poster, banner, placard, bill or advertisement or any similar picture, wording or decoration to, or upon any part of any building, wall, post, seat or any other structure forming part of the Garden or to any tree or other natural feature. 4
19. Only enter KFBG through the designated entrance at the Reception or Vehicle Entrance on Lam Kam Road, unless you have written permission from the Executive Director to do otherwise.
20. Hikers coming off Tai Mo Shan are not permitted to cross the main boundary of KFBG. To come off Tai Mo Shan they may cross the upper boundary of KFBG's Short Term Tenancy and walk along the SKY Trail in an easterly direction and take the public path down to Ng Tung Chai.
21. Please take care of children when visiting KFBG.
22. Please wear appropriate clothing (e.g., sport/hiking shoes, sport clothes & hats) and bring along umbrellas or raincoats, in case of bad weather.
23. Please do not fly a kite, model aircraft, balloons or other similar devices in KFBG.
24. Please do not use obscene or foul language.
25. KFBG reserves the right to terminate any visit in circumstances where visitors fail to comply with these guidelines or the KFBG Bylaw.

MEASURES FOR BAD WEATHER



The following measures will be taken for any condition / warning signals be hoisted 2.5 hours (6:30am) prior to the starting time of visit:

Weather Condition / Warning Signals	KFBG Remains	Tree Planting Programme
Typhoon Signal ▲8 ^{NE} _{東北} or above	Closed	Tree Planting Programme will be cancelled, organisation can choose one of the following options: Option 1: Reschedule*; or Option 2: Refund
Black Rainstorm Warning 		
Red Rainstorm Warning 		
Landslip Warning 		
Typhoon Signal ▲3	Open, but visitors are advised to descend from upper areas. Vehicles are not permitted in the upper areas if bad weather prevails.	
Typhoon Signal T1		
Thunderstorm Warning 		
Amber Rainstorm Warning 		
Heavy Rain 		
Very Hot Weather Warning 		

**Rescheduling of the tree planting activity will depend upon availability of alternative dates. Normally, it will be rescheduled to one week after the original activity date. Each activity can only be rescheduled once. If bad weather prevails on rescheduled date, refund will be arranged.*

We reserve all rights to alter the programme in case of inclement weather conditions.

