



Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden

HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAMME

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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 & plant conservation, organic farming, and sustainable living, KFBG offers a wide-range of corporate engagement activities and receives over 160,000 visitors annually.

BACKGROUND

The upper slopes of Tai Mo Shan were once covered by healthy forest. Today, only a fraction remains as much of it was cleared over the last 2,000 years for farming and human use. It has been difficult for Hong Kong's forest to re-establish itself even though intensive use has decreased. Unfortunately, the land's once nutritious topsoil has been eroded, seedlings are grazed on by feral cattle, and the hillside is ravaged by fires every few years.

After years of effort, secondary forests have been established in valleys and sheltered areas. The diversity of trees has greatly increased with around 250 tree species recorded, including rare species that would have only been found on remote locations. More human intervention is necessary to accelerate the reforestation process in other parts of Hong Kong, to rebuild original forest cover like thousands of years ago.

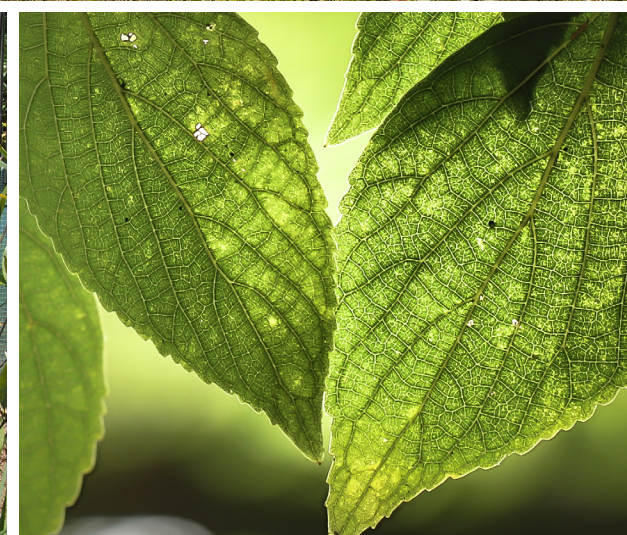
We would like to invite organisations and corporations to partner with KFBG and support our habitat restoration programme. This project is part of a large-scale, long-term programme to research the best conditions to nurture trees and other native plant species to thrive on this high hillside and to grow back into a diverse and healthy forest. Your involvement will contribute to the long-term success of not only this project but reforestation efforts across Hong Kong and even internationally, laying a scientific foundation and establish a scalable model for effective reforestation.

‘ TO HARMONISE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. ’

GET INVOLVED

Show your commitment to the environment, inspire your workforce, and help us to reforest the mountainside of Hong Kong’s highest peak. Our programme provides an amazing team building experience and helps us fund habitat reforestation on the steep slopes of Tai Mo Shan which is labour and cost intensive.

The programme fee covers the costs of the event, and further proceedings will go towards the KFBG Native Tree Nursery and future tree planting in our groundbreaking, globally recognized, Habitat Restoration Research Programme.



PROGRAMME DETAILS

- **Materials & Tools:** KFBG will provide planting materials, tools, and tree seedlings/plant species.
- **Transportation:** KFBG will provide transportation from the KFBG's reception to the tree planting site.
- **Optional:** Special conservation and restoration workshop to staff of your organization.
- **Activity Period:**

Summer Session

Duration:

May - July (Monday - Saturday, except public holidays)

0900 - 1300 hours (approximately 4 hours)

(Activity month may vary with practical condition.

Please visit our website for latest update)

Fee*:

Minimum charge HKD50,000 for a group of 20

Autumn Session

Duration:

October - December (Monday - Saturday, except public holidays)

0900 - 1300 hours (approximately 4 hours)


(Activity month may vary with practical condition.

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Fee*:

Minimum charge HKD50,000 for a group of 20

***The Fee Includes:** pre-planting information pack, seed collection, caring of seedlings, pre-planting site preparation, planting materials, staffing and transportation on programme day, post-planting site maintenance, tree growth monitoring, and Habitat Restoration Impact Report.

- **Target Audience & Group Size:** Adult (aged 18 or above)
- **Facilitators:** KFBG Education Officer and Certified Arborist (International Society of Arboriculture)
- **Insurance:** All groups are advised to arrange for their own insurance coverage for the persons participating in this habitat restoration activity
- **Enquiry:**  engage@kfbg.org

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

NATIVE TREE NURSERY (NTN)

KFBG uses native plant species for our Habitat Restoration Programme. Before the journey starts, participants are invited to visit our Native Tree Nursery to see how our tree saplings are nurtured and have a better understanding of why native plant species are crucial in restoring our ecosystem.

SILENT WALK

A simple breathing exercise 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.

YOUR TEAM BUILDING DAY

Participants will learn about KFBG's ongoing tree restoration project, the value of native trees, how other plant species can contribute a healthy forest and carry out hands-on planting of tree seedlings on the hill slopes and/or other native species which may help the young woodlands to become healthier. The day will consist of activities that help your team to relax and reconnect with nature as well as increase co-operation, enhance communication skills, and develop team spirit.

PLANTING ACTIVITY

In this project, different native tree, shrub, fern and orchid species will be planted in groups with different conditions. Tree guards and/or other planting tools will be used to improve the survival chances of tree seedlings. Participants will be divided into groups and complete different tasks such as weeding the site, adding fertilisers, setting special tree guards, and planting seedlings. While designing the work flow and allocating tasks, participants will be able to understand the importance of their role in a team and the difference it makes when a team collaborates effectively. The work must meet a rigorous scientific standard so that this long-term experiment, lasting many years, will be valid.












TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES AND PRECAUTIONS

1. Please bring along your own water bottles. There is no bottled water available at KFBG, but we have water dispensers for water refill.
2. The footpaths are muddy and sometimes slippery. It is highly recommended that you wear appropriate clothing (e.g., sports/hiking shoes, outdoor wear). 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. If needed, please bring your own hiking pole.
3. Please follow the instructions of our staff at all times. They care about your safety and well-being.
4. Toilet facilities are available in the Reception area and Upper Canteen (close to where the Habitat Restoration take place).
5. The Upper Canteen will be reserved exclusively for your group, and can be used afterwards as a base for further exploration of KFBG.
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 can be 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.

MEASURES FOR BAD WEATHER

The following measures will be taken for any condition/warning signal be hoisted 2.5 hours (i.e. 06:30am) prior to the starting time of visit:

Weather Condition/ Warning Signals	Tree Planting Programme	KFBG Remains Open/ Closed
 Typhoon Signal No. 8  Black Rainstorm Warning  Red Rainstorm Warning  Landslip Warning	Tree Planting Programme will be cancelled, organisation can choose one of the following options: Option 1: Reschedule*; or Option 2: Refund	Closed
 Amber Rainstorm Warning  Typhoon Signal No. 3  Typhoon Signal No. 1  Thunderstorm Warning  Very Hot Weather Warning		Open, but visitors are advised to descend from upper areas. Vehicles are not permitted in the upper areas if bad weather prevails.

*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.

GENERAL VISITORS' GUIDELINE

- 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.
- Please be conscious of your own safety. Be careful around steep slopes, terraces and bridges. Visitors should refrain from walking in streams and on restricted areas.
- KFBG will not be responsible for any injury, or loss of or damage to visitors' belongings at KFBG or arising from the use of tools, equipment and/or facility provided or owned by KFBG. All visitors should take reasonable care concerning his/her own safety and arrange for adequate insurance coverage if deemed necessary.
- Please take care of children when visiting KFBG. 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 younger person.
- No feeding of any animals at KFBG, and no animal can be brought into KFBG.
- Smoking is only permitted at the designated Smoker's Den.
- Please do not fly a kite, model aircraft, balloon or other similar devices at KFBG
- Please do not use obscene or foul language.
- Photography for commercial purposes is not permitted.
- Gathering place should be at Reception Plaza.
- Please keep KFBG clean.
- No picking, snapping or moving plants in KFBG.
- No removing stones or damaging the facilities in KFBG.
- No lighting of fires or setting-up barbecues in KFBG.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Hikers coming off Tai Mo Shan are not permitted to cross the main boundary of KFBG. A path marked on any map does not mean it gives legal to access to KFBG. Hikers descending Tai Mo Shan can reach Ng Tung Chai by turning right as signposted 100m south of the KFBG boundary.
- Please take care of children when visiting KFBG.
- Please wear appropriate clothing (e.g., sport/hiking shoes, sport clothes & hats) and bring along umbrellas or raincoats, in case of bad weather.
- KFBG reserves the right to terminate any visit in circumstances where visitors fail to comply with these guidelines or the KFBG Bylaw.