


“Our Favourite Old and Valuable Trees (OVT)” Contest

Awarded OVTs

The Highest Overall Votes	
<p>Registration No.: LCSD YL/6 Common Name: Chinese Banyan Botanical Name: <i>Ficus microcarpa</i> Location: Shui Mei Village Playground, Yuen Long Management Department: Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This banyan tree is integrated with the brick house and it is named as the “Tree House” .• The house was believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty with a Kam Tin Tang Clan Architecture style. It was abandoned during the “Great Evacuation” in Qing Dynasty.• The Tree House is a distinctive natural-cum-cultural feature.• It is one of the largest OVTs in the Register.	<p style="text-align: center;">The Highest Overall Votes</p> 

Category: Remarkable Form and Size

Registration No.: HD/KT/1

Common Name: Silk Tree

Botanical Name: *Albizia julibrissin*

Location: Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kwun Tong

Management Department: Housing Department

Description:

- This is an elegant deciduous tree with extensive canopy and balanced form.
- It has red-tipped flowers in summer and they provide a good nectar source for honeybees and butterflies.
- The seeds are also favourite food for wildlife.

1st prize



Registration No.: LCSD CW/134

Common Name: India Rubber Tree

Botanical Name: *Ficus elastica*

Location: Lugard Road

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- This tree has abundant lignified aerial roots to form a natural arcade over a hiking trail.
- It yields a milky latex which can be used to make rubber. The latex is an irritant to eyes and skin.
- It is one of the largest OVTs in the Register.

2nd prize



Registration No.: LCSD SK/7

Common Name: Chinese Banyan

Botanical Name: *Ficus microcarpa*

Location: Sha Tsui Playground, Sai Kung

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- This tree has a large and dense canopy with lush and particularly long strands of aerial roots.
- Lignified aerial roots established on ground provide additional supports to improve its stability.
- Fruits of this species are favourite food source to birds.

3rd prize



Category: Botanical and Ecological Value

Registration No.: FEHD WCH/4

Common Name: West Indies Mahogany

Botanical Name: *Swietenia mahagoni*

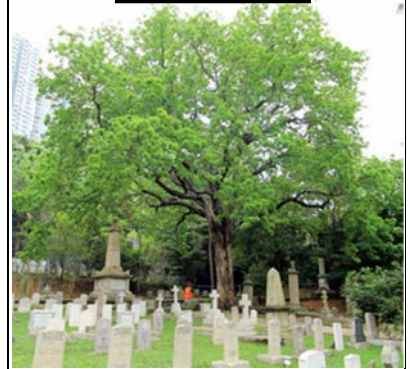
Location: Hong Kong Cemetery

Management Department: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Description:

- This tree species provides timber with superior wood quality for making musical instruments and furniture.
- The species is rare in the wild in its native areas due to over-harvesting. It is an endangered species in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List and it is also protected under Cap. 586 in Hong Kong.

1st prize



Registration No.: LCSD KC/15

Common Name: Incense Tree

Botanical Name: *Aquilaria sinensis*

Location: Kowloon Tsai Park

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- This is a native tree with close association in the naming of the city as “Hong Kong” .
- It is a common tree species in “fung shui” woods near villages in the countryside.
- The tree produces a valuable fragrant and resinous agarwood “Chen Xiang” which is used for incense and medicine.
- It is a vulnerable species in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List and China Red Data Book. It is also protected under Cap. 586 in Hong Kong.

2nd prize



Registration No.: LCSD WTS/9

Common Name: Lance-leaved Sterculia

Botanical Name: *Sterculia lanceolata*

Location: Morse Park

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- It is a native tree species with attractive crimson red fruits stand out in the green canopy in summer.
- It fruits around Weaver Maid Festival and are named as “Fruits of Weaver Maid” in association with this Chinese mythology.
- Fruits of this species are favourite food source to birds.

3rd prize



Category: Historical and Cultural Significance

Registration No.: LCSD YL/6

Common Name: Chinese Banyan

Botanical Name: *Ficus microcarpa*

Location: Shui Mei Village Playground, Yuen Long

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- This banyan tree is integrated with the brick house and it is named as the “Tree House”.
- The house was believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty with a Kam Tin Tang Clan Architecture style. It was abandoned during the “Great Evacuation” in Qing Dynasty.
- The Tree House is a distinctive natural-cum-cultural feature. It is one of the largest OVTs in the Register.

1st prize



Registration No.: CSO CW/1

Common Name: Burmese Rosewood

Botanical Name: *Pterocarpus indicus*

Location: Former Central Government Offices Compound

Management Department: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office

Description:

- This tree is a green landmark at the main entrance of the former Central Government Offices. The age of this tree is over 170 years old.
- Its fruits look like hanging poached eggs in canopy.
- Wood is purplish and rose-scented. It can be used as raw material of decorative veneer and furniture.

2nd prize



Registration No.: LANDSD ST/2

Common Name: Chinese Banyan

Botanical Name: *Ficus microcarpa*

Location: Wu Kai Sha Village, Ma On Shan

Management Department: Lands Department

Description:

- This is an enormous specimen with abundant lignified aerial roots turning a single banyan into a forest.
- It is part of the Wu Kai Sha Fung Shui Woodland
- Fruits of this species are favourite food source to birds.

3rd prize



Category: Contribution in Landscape Setting

Registration No.: ARCHSD TW/1 and 2

Common Name: India Rubber Tree

Botanical Name: *Ficus elastica*

Location: Shing Mun Road (Lower)/ Texaco Road North junction

Management Department: Architectural Services Department (ArchSD)

Description:

- The tree group consists of two huge trees growing together with plenty of lignified aerial established on the hillside to improve stability.
- The combined extensive canopy also provides a shelter for wildlife and people.

1st prize



Registration No.: ARCHSD CW/11-23

Common Name: Chinese Banyan

Botanical Name: *Ficus microcarpa*

Location: King George V Memorial Park

Management Department: ArchSD

Description:

- This is one of the largest group of stonewall trees in Hong Kong.
- The trees provide substantial greenery to the urban area within confined spatial setting.
- Fruits of this species are favourite food source to birds.

2nd prize



Registration No.: LCSD YTM/1-7, 12-30 and 32-39

Common Name: Chinese Banyan

Botanical Name: *Ficus microcarpa*

Location: Park Lane, Nathan Road Shopper's Boulevard

Management Department: LCSD

Description:

- The tree group composes of mature Chinese Banyans on both sides of Nathan Road and this forms a continuous green corridor along roadside.
- These trees provide significant visual and environmental benefits to this busy area for over 100 years.

3rd prize

