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## The Green Earth E-News (February, 2018 to May, 2018)

Hong Kong's daily maximum temperature has reached 33 degrees Celsius and beyond for sixteen consecutive days. The Very Hot Weather Warning has been in force for 300 hours which has broken the record. We have to act green immediately; otherwise the Earth will become unlivable soon. Let's see what we have done in the past few months!

### Green Policy Advocacy

## Wast Reduction

### Some achievements in Reducing the Use of Disposable Cutlery

The growing fast food delivery services will lead to higher consumption of disposable cutlery. Consumers seem to have no ways to opt out these short-life cutlery. TGE wrote to five fast food delivery app companies suggesting them to add an option of “plastic free”. Consequently, four out of the five companies have taken our advice to give a “plastic free” choice for their customers.

When foodpanda added an option of “No disposable cutlery” in March, 20% of its customers have chosen the green option within a month. honestbee Hong Kong has also become the company’s leading branch in Asia in response to plastic reduction.

[Press Release](#)



## Countryside Conservation

### No Conflicts between Conservation and Development

### Figure Out the Root Cause of Hong Kong Housing Problems



“ ‘Expensive’, ‘Small’ and ‘Crowding’ are what Hong Kong people facing. Overpriced housing price and high rent, making it hard for citizens to own a property.....” written by the government in the consultation document of increasing land supply. Though this description reflects the fact, TGE warns that land will never be enough when land is treated as merchandise or a speculation tool by local and foreign investors.

TGE appeals to the public to send emails to the Task Force of Land Supply before the consultation deadline on 26 September, telling them country parks should not be an option. The government will provide an online channel for the public to express their opinions in June. Let's speak up for the country parks.

[Details](#)

We believe the following options should be of higher priority for development:

- Brownfield sites
- Land under Private Recreation Leases
- Vacant Government Land for Village Type Development

[Press Release](#) 、 [Related Article](#)

## Protect Nam Sang Wai



Several fires were broken out in Nam Sang Wai recently. TGE and other green groups held a press conference to urge the police to investigate the cause of fire and arrest the persons creating such damages. Meanwhile, we also suggested the government ways to protect this “Wetland of International Importance”.

[Press Release 1](#) 、 [Press Release 2](#)

## Green Activities

### Green Events Promotion

#### Green Runners Tours Have Started!

Running can also be greener. Since Feb, TGE has launched a series of Green Runners Tours to share green running experience and daily living green tips while practising runs. We have different environmental topics each time, and invite famous running coaches to share their running tips and green tips. More activities are coming up, please watch out for it!

Let's review on the completed Green Runners Tours:



1. Guest - Wong Ho Fai: [Snapshots](#)  
Running & Concentration – Chasing for Health in Body, Mind & Spirit



2. Guest - Stone Tsang: [Snapshots](#)  
Cross-country Running and Natural Trail



3. The Green Earth: [Snapshots](#)  
Clearing Waste in Countryside – Plogging



4. Guest - Kam Wing Keung: [Snapshots](#)  
How to Run & Eat Properly

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**Continue to Support Event Organizers GO GREEN!**

TGE actively promotes Green Event. We feel encouraging that more and more event organizers have taken on our green advice to cut waste.



### A Drop of Life - Race for Water 2018 (3/2018)

The race covered half of the mountains on Hong Kong Island. Recycling points were set up along the trail. Thanks to the hard work of TGE volunteers and staff of the organizer. Another event held by ADOL “Walk & Run For Water 2018” in May also participated in our green event programme.

[Snapshots](#)

### Wofoo Social Enterprises - Hong Kong Water Race 2018 (4/2018)

We had 60 little volunteers and their parents to be the Green Ambassadors helping us to encourage runners to use reusable cutlery and practise recycling. The waste reduction result was encouraging. The 10 trash bins set up by the organizer were not even need to use.

[Snapshots](#)





### Mayday G.R.E.E.N. Recycling (5/2018)

Outdoor concert can also be a good place to deliver environmental messages! Taiwanese band Mayday held outdoor concerts in six evenings of May. The Green Earth and The Hong Kong Disneyland joined hand to actively promote green event messages to fans at entrance and exit of the concert area. The fans were surprisingly enthusiastic and supportive about recycling. Recycling amount kept increasing every night. 150kg of plastic bottles were collected (equivalent to 6,000 plastic bottles). All the collected items including plastic bottles, packaging bags and souvenirs were properly recycled or donated to others.

#### [Snapshots](#)



### Parties joined ECF “Be a Green Event” Outdoor Events Waste Reduction Supporting Scheme in the last quarter:

Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care - Hike for Hospice 2018, Her Fund SHERO Walk, Polar Half Marathon Relay Challenge 2018, Victoria 162, RaceBase - The 9 Dragons Ultra, Plan International Hong Kong - Run for Girls, LifeXplore HK Centre - Running HK

The scheme is FREE of charge. For details and registration, please [click here](#)

### Plantation Enrichment Project Spring Plantation Was Completed



The lasting high temperature and low precipitation increased the difficulties of doing plantation. TGE was pleased to get the support from more than 400 corporate volunteers and TGE volunteers to complete the plantation mission this year. We planted 2,100 native tree seedlings in Clear Water Bay Country Park. We would like to express our gratitude to Henderson Land Group for sponsoring TGE to adopt a new tree planting site in 2018.

[Project Details](#)

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## Green Public Education



## Private Housing Estates Clean Recycling Promotion Scheme Completed Successfully

Thanks to the 50 private housing estates for joining the scheme. Up to 3,000 residents have visited our Clean Recycling Showroom which raises their awareness on clean recycling. We also provided two outdoor training activities to property management companies and cleansing workers. We visited Kowloon Bay Plastic Sorting Center and Kwun Tong Community Green Station for participants to learn more about the real situation of recycling.

## Muse Up! Youth Musical Theatre Group

TGE has become the green partner of Muse Up! Youth Musical Theatre Group of Chung Ying Theatre Company. Starting from April, we have been exploring waste reduction topics, like plastic, food saving and green event, with the teenage members of the theatre group. They will produce a social-related drama as the deliverable of the programme.

### [Snapshots](#)



## Wang Jiu Liang's, Director of Plastic China, View on Hong Kong Waste Problems



“Plastic China” and “Beijing Besieged by Waste” are two inspiring documentaries that record mainland China’s waste and recycling problem. TGE joined several post-screening discussions of the documentaries and shared our views. We interviewed Director Wang before a screening at HKU, let’s see his observation on Hong Kong waste problems.

[Interview Video](#) 、 [Movie Review](#)

Video Links:

[Beijing Besieged by Waste](#)

[Plastic China \(26-min Media Version\)](#)

[Plastic China \(53-min TV Version\)](#)

Related Articles:

發泡膠餐具「短命」 應淘汰禁用 [Article 1](#)

即棄托盤成行成市 減用 回收兩者並行 [Article 2](#)

三紙回收膠樽優先 非減廢萬靈丹 [Article 3](#)



## Upcoming Activities

### 《DYXnet Green Parent-child Orienteering Game》Enrollments Starts

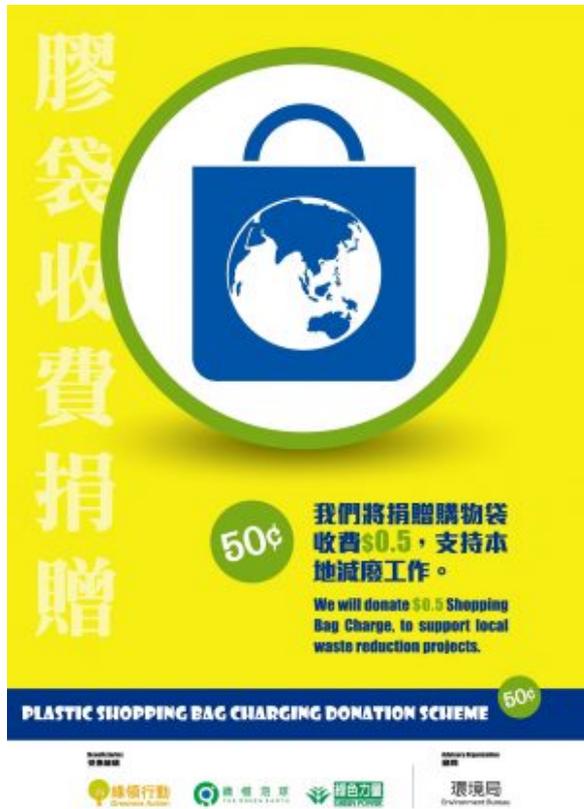


In the orienteering game, parents and their children could learn the skills of using compass, reading map, solving problems and practicing green concepts while playing games at check points. The game will be held in August. Children between 4 to 12 years old and their parents are welcome to join.

Organizers: BeConfident Alliance, LifeXplore HK Centre  
Beneficiary: The Green Earth

Details & Registration: [Click Here](#)

### Plastic Shopping Bag Charging Donation Scheme



Greeners Action, Green Power and The Green Earth jointly launched the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging Donation Scheme aiming at soliciting donations from retailers to promote local green work, such as reduce using plastic shopping bags.

If you are interested in the scheme, please contact us via [info@greenearth.org.hk](mailto:info@greenearth.org.hk) or call us at 3708 8380.

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## Green Articles

Please click below for the 22 articles we published from Feb to May:

[Made In Hong Kong 都有好嘢](#) (2018/5/31)

[在王久良前的尷尬膠樽](#) (2018/5/19)

[頭昏腦轉的區域環保合作](#) (2018/5/19)

[盛事源頭減廢 政府須更爭氣](#) (2018/5/5)

[Hong Kong's Plant To Bring Solar Energy To Power Grid Should Not Be Set Up To Fail](#) (2018/5/4)

[當兩個愛土地的暖男走在一起](#) (2018/5/3)

[Hong Kong Should Mark Earth Day With Crackdown On Plastic Pollution](#) (2018/4/22)

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## Green Volunteer Power

### Tree Seedling Care Day (3/2018)

40 volunteers went up to our tree planting site to check the seedlings planted last year and took records of their growing status.

[Snapshots](#)



### “Green Event Volunteer” Training Activity – Recycling Plant Visiting Tour (4/2018)

Having visited a recycling plant of certain scale, we found that the types of recyclables being handled are more than our expectation.....

[Snapshots](#)

## Latest News

### Job Vacancy

**項目主任/高級項目主任**  
(一年/兩年合約)

推廣「綠色盛事」概念、協助跑賽/  
戶外活動實踐環保及愛護郊野教育

The Green Earth is looking for new team members who love working on outdoor activities and support our green vision and mission.

Project Officer/Senior Project Officer (1-2year contract)

For details: Please [Click Here](#)

With your kind support given to The Green Earth, we could make a small difference. Your encouragement and support will certainly help us to keep moving forward on the challenging green journey.



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