

TREE MANAGEMENT – A MATTER OF JUDGMENT

Achieving Professionalism in Tree Management

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“If trees could talk, all they would talk about would be the weather ... “



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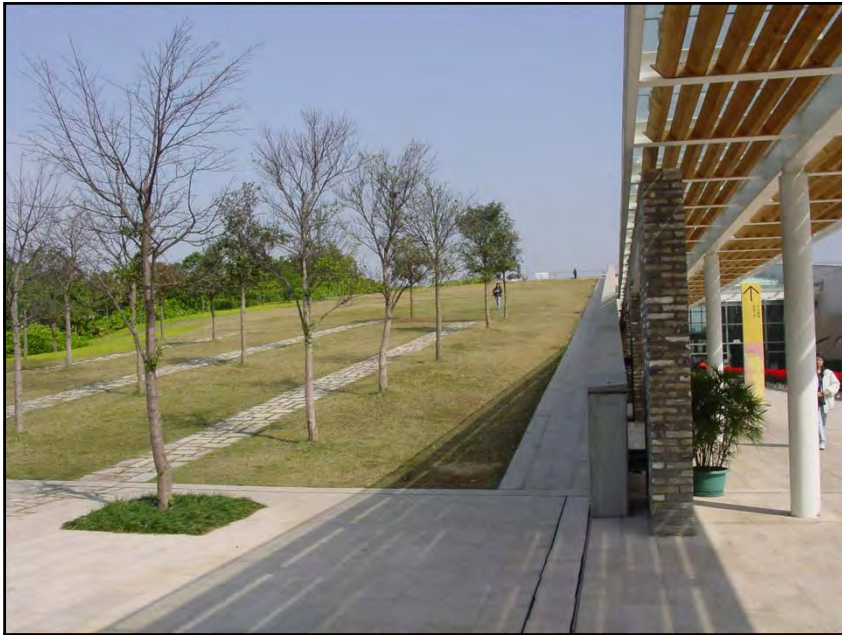
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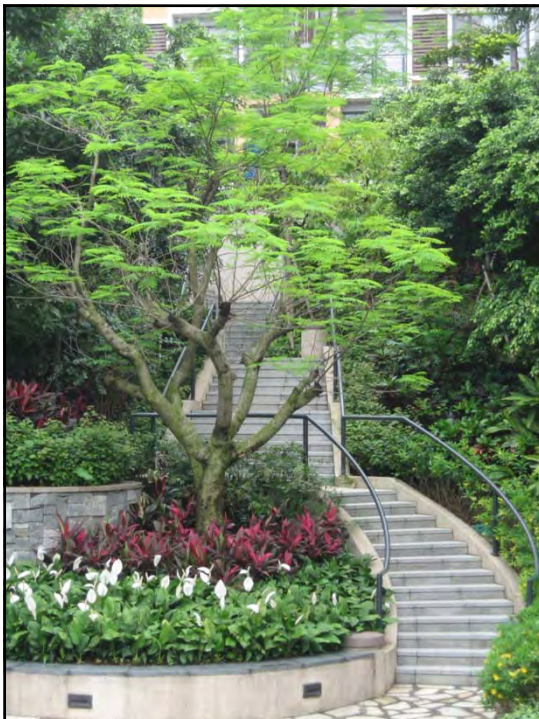


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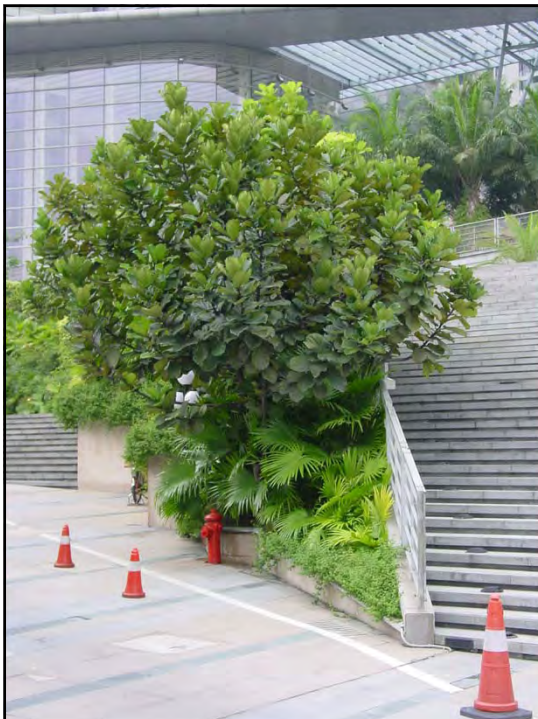
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