

Today - Outline

- Hong Kong's Arboricultural in a nutshell
- Getting the right tree care professional
- The role of the arborist / arboriculturist
- Leadership, facilitation and coordination are critical!
- Seeds of Success
- Questions

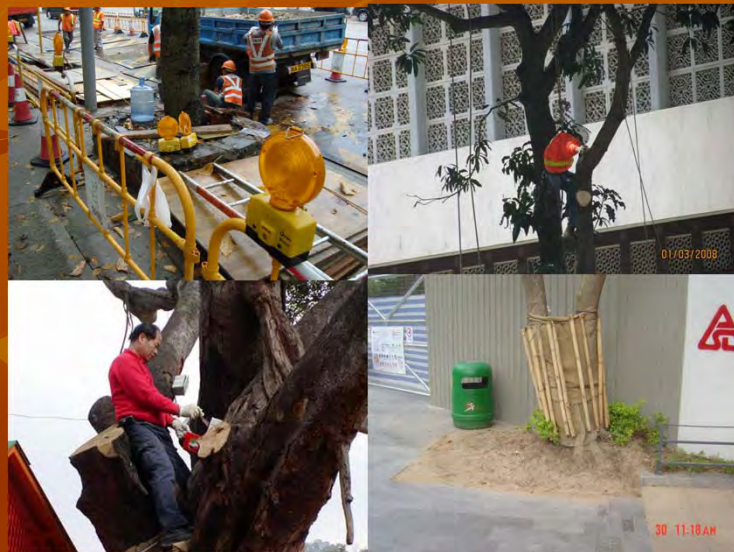


Examples of key arborists ? in Hong Kong

- Landscape architects
- Private consultants and tree care professionals
- Non-governmental organizations
- Contractors
- Building, development and real estate communities
- Utility companies and foresters



Current Practice



You're Right, But No Effect



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The role of arborist

- All sectors of the arboricultural industry are totally reliant on new migrant / unskilled labor to a lesser or greater extent
- Arbor workers are not reliable, non-consistent to assist the arbor operations
- All arbor workers are not trained and with very limited arbor knowledge



You're Right, But Too Late



It's more than just a Tree.....

- Arboriculturist / Arborist have a critical role in delivering this statement
- A healthy and strong large tree is at the heart of a healthy urban community and a living Environment



Could this Have been avoided



Getting the right tree care professional - arborist



Why Arborist?

- Multiple objectives area achieved
- “Value added” opportunities arise
- Comparative advantages
- Shared vision results
- Unified front
- Politics!



Why hire a arborist?

Contractor



Unsafe

Arborist



Safe

vs.

Storm damage cleanup is extremely dangerous,
even for professionals!

Summary – roles of the arborist

- Urban Arborist
- Public tree care oversight
- Private tree care issues
- Involvement with ordinance (educational or enforcement at times)
- Communication
- Policy development and promotion



Summary – roles of the arborist

- Cooperative Extension Service
- Technology transfer
- Provide technical assistance
- Communication of research needs to scientists at grant institutions
- Facilitate and lead local empowerment



Barriers to effective arborist

- Communication
- Shared vision is sometimes difficult to achieve
- Personalities get in the way!
- Can be time consuming and expensive
- Others?



The Big Picture

- Networking
- Outreach and Workshops
- Seminar



Planting Seeds of Success

- Persuasion
- Protocols
- Practices
- Partnerships



Persuasion

- Relative advantage
- Convenient
- Comfortable
- Immediacy



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Protocol

- Credible, Standardized, Accounting and Reporting
- Permanence
- Additionally



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Practices

- Planning
- Quality Stock
- Strategic Location
- Tree Selection
- Planting
- Maintenance
- Monitoring
- Reporting



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Partnerships

- Developers
- Governments
- Consultants
- Corporate
- Non-profits Organizations



Conclusions

- Empowerment and capacity-building can not be accomplished in a vacuum
- Leadership is critical
- Arborists and plans go together!



Suggested next steps

- How to accomplishing urban & community arboricultural objectives?
- What would you do next if you “were in Charge”?
- Do it!



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