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## International “Million Trees (Forest)”

### Project & Network (with the Billion Trees

### Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet”

### program) under the framework of UNEP

Through such projects as the “Billion Tree Campaign” and the “Million Trees (Forest) Program”, our anti-desertification, reforestation and rebuild of oasis efforts in Western China, Mongolia, the Middle East and North Africa have contributed to rebuilding the homeland of the local people and regional peacekeeping efforts over the last decade.

Under the initiation of the World Earth Day Committee, and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) started the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) across the globe in August 2009 for anti-desertification, reforestation and sustainable education efforts in former landfills, restored areas after hill fires, conservation sanctuaries, restored wetlands, semi-desertified areas, etc. The Project aims to ease the environmental problems global warming brings about. The Project initially targeted at planting a million trees for easing the ecological environment in each low-income regions and improving the livelihood of people there, but it has been extended to encompass reforestation, cultivation, cultural conservation and sustainable development efforts nowadays.

With over a hundred participating countries and regions around the world, the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) is supported across the globe, planting over a hundred million trees worldwide every year. The theme of the Million Trees (Forest) Project

(MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) in the Asia-Pacific region is "the climate to save the future". Hong Kong's endorsement in the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) in 2010 marks the city's first participation in international tree plantation activities. A regional committee was established in June of the same year for afforestation in the city and cooperation, realizing efforts in conservation, education and sustainable development in cooperation with other regional Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) committees, the Earth Day Network (EDN) and the World Wetland Network (WWN).

The Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) Committee of Hong Kong is mainly formed by the Hong Kong Green Nature Union and its sub-charity units – e.g. HIMA Foundation Hong Kong. The first regional Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) Committee Meeting was held in July 2010 at the City University of Hong Kong, instituting at least one annual international afforestation activity for the public and at twenty afforestation workshops for corporates, schools and civil society. From June 2010 to Jan. 2017, the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program) Committee of Hong Kong has organized 8 large “international trees planting and conservation day” activities in Hong Kong, and 6 local medium-size afforestation activities, and about 350 trees planting and conservation workshops, about 1400 times routine trees conservation works, courses on agricultural land rehabilitation, sustainable development education, 48 youth ambassadors training and exchange courses and programs, assisting the overseas anti-desertification ( like in Mongolia, Xinjiang, Tibet, Asia-Pacific, Africa, Arabic, America, etc. ) in which over 30,000 people and 500 corporates, community centers, educational institutes and government departments have taken part in, and have already planted more than 40,000 native trees in Hong Kong, and also over 30,000 trees has been planted in the other regions by our committee helpers and participants.

"International Million Trees (Forest) Project & Network (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the “Plant-for-the-planet” program)" has been established since 2009-10 on five continents (in which the “billion trees campaign” was established since 2006) around the world in different countries, regions and cities, and the participating cities and regions more than one hundred nowadays, hundred millions of trees have been planted in each year on the earth, it was a part of the United Nations Environment Program "Billion Trees Campaign". United Nations Environment Program announced in 2006, to hold the "La campagne pour un milliard d'arbres / The Billion Tree Campaign", the target is to plant one billion trees around the world to address climate

change issues during 2007. In August 2009, United Nations Environment Program, the World Earth Day Committee and other advocates, had launched a new global tree-planting activities — "International Million Trees (Forest) Program", planting millions of trees in the areas of desertification, climate poor areas etc., to help improve the ecological environment and population to increase their revenue. Since the launch of the program, has got five continents and more than a hundred cities' support and participation, including Hong Kong, hundred millions of trees have been planted and conserved in each year in different regions, and covers the scope of the scheme has been extended to trees planting, organic agriculture and cultivation, cultural conservation sustainable development and environmental education levels. Over the past few years, the "Billion Tree Campaign" and the "Million Trees (Forest) Program" for the western China, Mongolia, Arabia, North Africa and other desert regions, has executed the works of anti-desertification, afforestation and create new oasis for the indigenous residents to rebuild their homes, and maintain regional peace. In April 2010, in Taipei and Shanghai, a "Million Trees (Forest) Program – Ten thousands people planting day" has been held and has been broken the day of the most people involved in tree planting activities within one day in the Guinness record. In 2011, there are more than one hundred regions and cities also participated in the "Million Trees (Forest) Program" tree planting and conservation activities worldwide; on December of the same year, the United Nations Environment Program "La campagne pour un milliard d'arbres / The Billion Tree Campaign" was reorganized as "Plantons pour la planète / Plant for the planet", while the "Million Trees ( Forest ) Project & Network" program is continued to operate independently by the different countries or regions so far; the "Plantons pour la planète / Plant for the planet" program aims at encourage the students and youth to participate into the global reforestation and forest conservation works.

Being the first international afforestation project participated by Hong Kong, the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the "Plant-for-the-planet" program) is

- an international project,
- incorporating education, ecotourism and afforestation,
- aiming at afforestation, anti-desertification and education,
- initiated and supported by the UNEP, EDN and WWN, and
- held in over 100 cities worldwide in the year of 2010-2011 around the Earth Day.

Your participation today is only the start; the campaign has to be sustained over decades. Thus, every time after our large-scale afforestation activities, we accept application for plant nursing workshops from various organizations in order to support our long-term restoration and education efforts. As environmental protection is an indefinite challenge for our conscience, perseverance and aspiration which takes

continual efforts, every of our project, from those on plant nursing, anti-desertification, organic farming to those on renewable energy and sustainable development education, are long-term commitment without a definite ending date. Your support to us will contribute greatly to our environmental efforts in Hong Kong.

In the year of 2017, that is the ninth anniversary of the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the "Plant-for-the-planet" program) in Hong Kong, in addition to the forthcoming anti-desertification projects, we will continue our annual international and local afforestation activities, at least 1 large-scale trees planting and conservation day in Hong Kong, 1 middle-scale trees planting and conservation activity, 30 plant nursing / trees planting and conservation workshops, the "A Person A Tree" Plan for our Youth Ambassadors, 3 youth ambassadors training and exchange courses and programs, about 50 times routine trees conservation works, and other overseas regions trees planting and conservation works. We would appreciate your continual support to the Million Trees (Forest) Project (MTP) (with the Billion Trees Campaign & the "Plant-for-the-planet" program) and we welcome your keen participation and engagement in these activities, to support "the climate to save the future" together worldwide.

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Best Regards,

**(CIMTPNHK/HKGNU/HIMA/FPPLPHK-PFTPFHK/PNUE-UNEP)**

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