

Fund application of district minor works –
Enhancement of the Chinese herbal garden at
planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park

Purpose

To seek the Members' endorsement of the funding application for enhancement of the Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park and approval for the allocation of \$580,000 to carry out this district minor works.

Background

2. In the eighth meeting of the Working Group on District Minor Works ("WG on DMW") held on 7 June 2011, the project "Enhancement of the Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park" was initially discussed and approved in principle. Through co-operation with the School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong ("SCM"), there would be improvements to the facilities, increase in number of Chinese herb species planted and provision of more introductory information etc. in the planting site No.1 in the Lung Fu Shan Country Park. The proposal was subsequently approved in principle in the ninth meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee ("DFMC") held on 30 June 2011, and the Central and Western District Office would prepare the preliminary design of this project.

3. Planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park is now a Chinese herbal garden, where around 180 Chinese herb species are planted and managed by the Lung Fu Shan Country Park Morning Walkers' Association. Many years ago, the Central and Western District Council funded the provision of about 200 name plates in the Chinese herbal garden in order to introduce the name of each herb there to the public. Under the present project, the SCM has agreed to assist in increasing the quantity and number of species of Chinese herbs to be planted in the garden, enhancing the care and maintenance for the herbs there, and enriching the introductory materials of the herbs, etc. After renovation, the number of species of Chinese herbs in the garden will increase to around 300, and the garden could also transform into a centre of education and promotion of Chinese medicine and herbs for the public and students of medicine to learn more about the growth habit, forms and usage of Chinese herbs.

Project proposal and funding application

4. Please refer to the table below for details of the project:

	Project Name	Fund Application (HKD)	Remarks
1	Enhancement of the Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park	\$580,000	• Project proposal in <u>Appendix I</u> ; • Project details in <u>Appendix II</u>

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to comment on the fund application, discuss the project details and approve the funding of \$580,000 for this project.

Paper Submission

6. This paper will be discussed in the tenth meeting of the DFMC to be held on 8 September 2011.

Central & Western District Office
August 2011

To : Ms Phoebe CHAN
Secretary of the Working Group on District Minor Works,
Central & Western District Council
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Project Proposal of District Minor Works
District Facilities Management Committee
Central & Western District Council
(To be completed by District Council Members)

1. **Proponent :** CHAN Chit-kwai, MAN Chi-wah
2. **Project title :** Enhancement of facilities in the Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park
3. **Project objective** (Please indicate the present problems and benefits of the proposed works, e.g. beautification of landscape, improvement of public hygiene, etc.):

The Lung Fu Shan Country Park was officially announced as the 23rd Country Park in Hong Kong on 18 December 1998. Though being the smallest country park in Hong Kong, it has a large variety of natural species especially plants most of which are local ones, attracting many birds to live there. Since the opening of the park, some tea brewing facilities and two large planting sites were provided in addition to over ten pavilions and benches. Planting Site No. 1 became a Chinese herbal garden where over 180 species of Chinese herbs were planted by the "Lung Fu Shan Country Park Morning Walkers' Association", an organisation formed by a group of hike-lovers, who were responsible for the irrigation and daily care of the herbs. Many years ago, the Central and Western District Office funded a project to provide over 200 name plates in the "Chinese herbal garden" to introduce the name of each herb to the visitors. The project was well received by the public.

In order to improve the facilities in the Chinese herbal garden for promotion of the garden to the public, the School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong has agreed to participate in this project to enhance the educational function of the Chinese herbal garden, making it an educational centre for promoting the traditional Chinese medicine and herbs.

4. **Target beneficiaries :**

☒ Local residents	☐ Disabled
☒ Elderly	☒ Children and Parents
☒ Youth	☐ Others : _____
5. **Estimated number of beneficiaries :** _____ 500 persons _____
6. **Rough estimation of project cost (Optional) :** _____

7. **Project outline (Please describe the project details, specification, and the connection with the existing facilities):**
1. To re-plant some existing species of Chinese herbs having loss for whatever reason and introduce new herb species which are suitable for growing in the local environment to the garden. Only one plant will be embedded for certain species and there are about 300 herbs to be grown in total.
 2. To re-organise and even expand the planting area so as to enable the planting of species by classification
 3. To make name plate for each row of Chinese herb to describe the herb's name, property and usage
 4. To provide a large information plate to introduce the Chinese herbal garden and invite the School of Chinese Medicine to assist in providing information.
8. **Project location (Please clearly indicate the location in an attached map):** Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park
9. **Rough works schedule (Optional):** _____
10. **Other information related to the project (e.g. previous submissions of similar proposal, other proposals of similar nature, etc.):** _____

Signature : _____ (Signed)

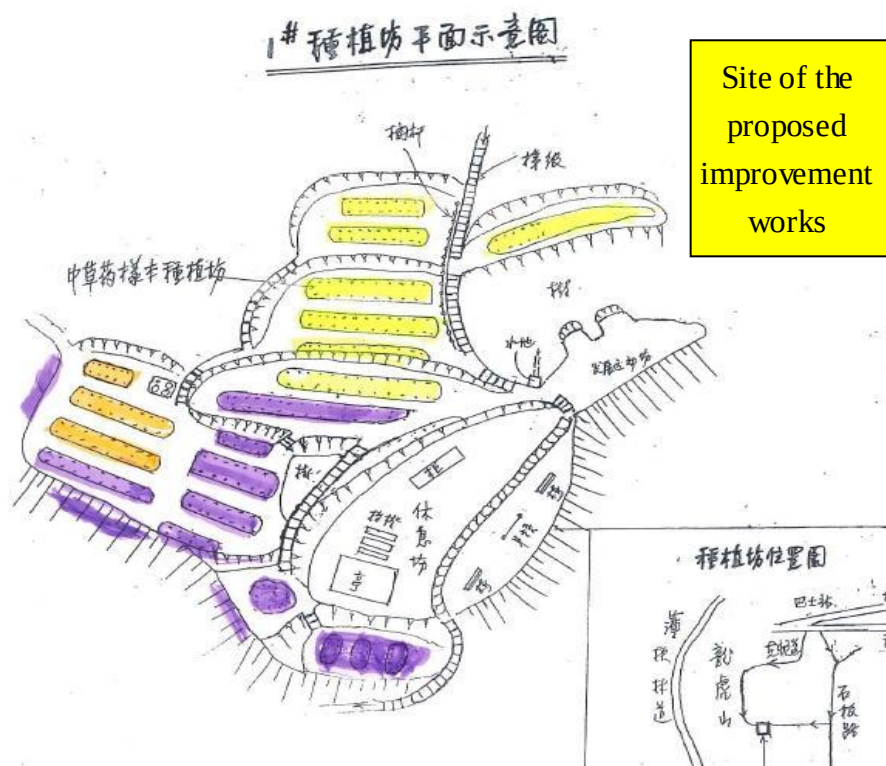
Name : _____ CHAN Chit-kwai, MAN Chi-wah

Date : _____ 27 May 2011

A proposal from the Working Group on District Facilities Management should be submitted by the Chairman of the working group.

Project Information for Fund application of district minor works –
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1. Project name: Enhancement of the Chinese herbal garden at planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park
2. Project Site: Planting site No.1 of Lung Fu Shan Country Park



3. Project details: formation and resurfacing of garden plot, re-planting of certain existing species of Chinese herbs and planting of new species, production of information plates to introduce the Chinese herbal garden and Chinese herbs etc.

4. Project Schedule

Estimated date of commencement: 1 November 2011

Estimated date of completion: 30 April 2012

5. Project Budget

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| (i) Chinese herbs procurement cost (for around 150 species): | \$120,000 |
| (ii) Consultant and professional inspection fee: | \$80,000 |
| (iii) Reparation and maintenance fee in connection with planting | \$10,000 x 8 months = \$80,000 |
| (iv) Production cost of information plate for Chinese herbal garden (1.6m x 1.6m) (1 piece): | \$30,000 |
| (v) Production cost of information plates for Chinese herbs (2.5m x 0.34m) (8 pieces): | \$10,000 x 8 pieces = \$80,000 |
| (vi) Production cost of information plates for Chinese herbs (2 kinds of size: 200mm x 165mm and 150mm x 100mm) (300 pieces each): | \$96,000 |
| (vii) fee for formation and brick paving of garden plot: | \$28,290 |
| (viii) Insurance fee: | \$1,500 |
| (ix) Miscellaneous: | \$3,000 |
| (x) Contingency expenses: | About 10% of the above budget (\$51,879) |

Sum of (i) - (x): \$570,669 (around \$580,000)

6. Project agent:

School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong & Works Section of Home Affairs Department