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To : Heads of all primary and
secondary schools

“Greening for the Chest” 2026/27

Summary

The upcoming “Greening for the Chest” 2026/27, organised by The Community Chest of Hong Kong (The Community Chest) in collaboration with the Community Youth Club (CYC) of the Education Bureau, aims to help schools build up a cleaner and greening environment, raise students’ awareness of environmental protection as well as to raise funds for The Community Chest. Heads of schools are invited to encourage their teachers and students to form participating teams and support the activity.

Details

2. The “Greening for the Chest” 2026/27 includes the following fundraising activities:

- Cleaning for Charity, Hiking for Charity and Green Acts for Charity; and
- Charity Plant Sale.

— Details of these activities provided by The Community Chest are attached hereto.

3. For **CYC member schools** that wish to join the above-mentioned fundraising activities, please refer to the related details to be announced by the **respective CYC District Executive Committees** at a later stage.

4. For non-CYC member schools interested in forming school-based/joint school teams to participate in the above-mentioned fundraising activities, please contact The Community Chest Office by email (greening@commchest.org) or by phone (2599 6111) **on or before 27 November 2026 (Friday)** for application.

5. Details of the “Greening for the Chest” 2026/27 are going to be uploaded to the website of The Community Chest. Schools may encourage teachers and students to browse the relevant website via the following link (<https://www.commchest.org/en/events>) or by scanning the QR code on the right for publicity.

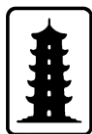


Enquiries

6. For enquiries, please contact The Community Chest Office at 2599 6111 or the CYC Office at 2892 6660.

Cliff HUI
for Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections - for information



“Greening for the Chest” 2026/27

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Fundraising Activities and Method of Participation

I. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

1. Cleaning for Charity, Hiking for Charity and Green Acts for Charity

(i) Cleaning for Charity

- Participating schools may choose the venue for conducting the Cleaning for Charity activity at their own discretion.
- The activity may take place in schools, elderly homes or other places in the community. Participating schools may also encourage students to support the fundraising activities by cleaning their own homes and soliciting donations from school heads, teachers, classmates, parents, relatives, friends and/or companies. Schools may determine the number of service hours, type of service and sponsorship criteria at their own discretion.

(ii) Hiking for Charity

- Participating schools may choose a suitable and safe hiking route for conducting the Hiking for Charity activity at their own discretion. They may refer to the trail information provided on the website of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) : <https://www.hiking.gov.hk/trail>.
- Participating schools may engage school heads, teachers, alumni and/or parents in the hiking trip to help students acquire a better understanding of the nature and enhance their awareness of environmental protection. Schools may determine the sponsorship criteria at their own discretion.
- Participating schools planning to conduct a hiking activity at a location managed by AFCD are required to complete the “Notification of Hiking for Charity” form (the form can be obtained from The Community Chest) and return the completed form to the Police Station of the respective district where the hiking activity is conducted. Schools are also required to read the “Guidelines on Outdoor Activities” of the Education Bureau (EDB) carefully (EDB website: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/> → School Administration and Management → Administration → About Activities → School Activities Guidelines).

(iii) Green Acts for Charity

- Participating schools can organise a variety of “green” fundraising activities, such as second-hand clothing fashion show, recycling bag design competition, recycling programme, DIY reusable cutlery, workshop for making reusable light bulbs/enzyme cleaner/eco-friendly soap or hand sanitizers, energy saving competition, fertilizer from food waste, DIY recycled plastic bottle planters and use flower seedlings provided by The Community Chest for charity sales.
- **Examples of 2025/26 Green Acts for Charity activities organised by schools:**
 - “Chinese Cultural Day” Eco-Friendly Charity Sale
 - DIY Scented Candle Charity Sale



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- Bakery Charity Sale
- Intergenerational Harmony – Seasonal Vegetable Farming Activity
- Sand Art Air Plant Eco Terrarium Workshop
- Green Booth Games
- Schools may determine the sponsorship criteria at their own discretion.

2. Charity Plant Sale

- **CYC member schools** that wish to join the Charity Plant Sale may refer to the details to be announced by the respective CYC District Executive Committees at a later stage.
- **Non-CYC member schools** may organise and hold their own sale activities.
- Schools may either plant the seedlings provided by The Community Chest or produce velvet/silk/paper flowers for charity sale or auction.

II. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- All schools are welcome to organise the above fundraising activities. Donations may be solicited from school heads, teachers, alumni, parents, relatives, friends, companies, etc.
- The fundraising activities emphasise educational value while encouraging participants to care for both the environment and the community. The Community Chest encourages all participants to make their best efforts to raise funds, with no strict minimum donation amount.
- Participating schools may organise the above fundraising activities between **November 2026 and February 2027**.
- **The above fundraising activities can be organised on a class, whole school or joint school basis.**
- **The Community Chest strongly encourages participating schools and students to take pictures or videos of the fundraising activities and share the materials with The Community Chest to promote the “Greening for the Chest”.**

CYC member schools
● Details will be separately announced by the respective CYC District Executive Committees at a later stage. ● Member schools may apply to the CYC Office for funding support for the activities. Member schools should submit the completed “Activities Financial Subsidy Application Form” and “Application for Reimbursement of Expenses” with the relevant quotation documents and originals of receipts to the CYC Office. The above forms can be downloaded from the CYC website (https://www.edb.gov.hk/cyc → Forms and Letters).
Non-CYC member schools
● Non-CYC member schools may contact The Community Chest Office by email (greening@commchest.org) or by phone (2599 6111) <u>on or before 27 November 2026 (Friday)</u> for application.

III. AWARDS

Cleaning for Charity, Hiking for Charity and Green Acts for Charity

Gold Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised reaching HK\$100,000 or above
Silver Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised between HK\$50,000 and HK\$99,999
Bronze Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised between HK\$30,000 and HK\$49,999

Charity Plant Sale

Gold Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised reaching HK\$80,000 or above
Silver Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised between HK\$50,000 and K\$79,999
Bronze Award : Schools with total amount of funds raised between HK\$30,000 and HK\$49,999

Other Awards

1. “Top Fundraising CYC District Award” : Champion, 1st and 2nd Runners-up
2. “The Best Progress Fundraising CYC District Award” : Champion, 1st and 2nd Runners-up
3. “Top Fundraising Special School Award”

IV. POINTS TO NOTE AND COLLECTION OF DONATION

- All funds raised through “Greening for the Chest” 2026/27 will be used for benefitting “Children and Youth services” supported by The Community Chest. **All funds raised under “Greening for the Chest” should go to The Community Chest of Hong Kong and should not be used for other purposes.**
- Schools should bank in all cash and/or crossed cheques payable to “**The Community Chest of Hong Kong**” to one of the following accounts of “The Community Chest of Hong Kong”:
 - Bank of China (Hong Kong) : 033-644-0-015454-0
 - Bank of East Asia, Limited, The : 015-514-40-14184-4
 - Hang Seng Bank : 280-157553-001
- CYC member schools should enrol in the activities and collect donations according to the arrangements announced by the respective CYC District Executive Committees.
- Non-CYC member schools should submit the copies of pay-in slips bearing the school head’s signature and the school chop and the original copies of application forms provided by The Community Chest to The Community Chest Office **direct** (Address: Unit 1805, 18/F, Harcourt House, 39 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong) **on or before 12 March 2027 (Friday).**
- If necessary, non-CYC member schools may download the Student Sponsor Form from The Community Chest Website: <https://www.commchest.org/en/events>
- All participating schools should keep all Student Sponsor Forms (if any), the original copies of pay-in slips, as well as copies of School Donation Record Sheet(s).

V. ENQUIRIES

The Community Chest Office : 2599 6111
The CYC Office : 2892 6660