

Civil Service Outstanding Service Award Scheme 2019
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team
“Repair Our Own Trails”
(5-minute Version)

Screen Content:	Aerial shot of the beautiful country parks and hiking trails.
Voice Over:	Hong Kong abounds with beautiful country parks. The full array of hiking trails of about 500 km in total provides public trail users with convenient access to the countryside to enjoy the pleasure of outing.
Screen Content:	Natural scenery. Wild animals live leisurely on mountain trails. Hiking trails are exposed to rainfall erosion.
Voice Over:	As the hiking trails are exposed to rainfall erosion over the years, coupled with the growing popularity of hiking and trail running activities in recent years, there is a rising need for trail repair and maintenance work. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), which is responsible for the construction, management and maintenance of the hiking trails, has been facing a big challenge.
Screen Content:	Trail users hike along the trails that are built by AFCD using natural materials. Beautiful scenery of the countryside of Hong Kong.
Voice Over:	The Department has come up with a win-win solution which allows colleagues to pass down their skills and knowledge, and at the same time promotes public education in protecting and maintaining the hiking trails for their own use.
Key-on Caption:	The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team: “Repair Our Own Trails”
Screen Content:	The Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team pick and transport suitable natural materials to conduct trail maintenance work.
Voice Over:	AFCD generally adopts a “Leave No Trace” principle in the construction and maintenance works of hiking trails. Frontline staff use simple methods to construct the hiking trails according to the terrain, and make use of the on-site natural materials for maintenance works as far as possible.

Screen Content:	Trail users participate in different activities at the hiking trails. Shots of hiking trails.
Yeung Fai-fai, Felix	In 2016, a local community group, the “Concern Group on Concretisation of Hong Kong Natural Trails”, raised concerns and debate over the Government’s use of concrete in building walkways in the countryside.
Name Card:	Yeung Fai-fai, Felix Country Parks Officer Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Yeung Fai-fai, Felix	In the light of the public concern, AFCD organised activities to communicate with the relevant organisations. We also organised some trail maintenance workshops, hoping that the public and volunteers, through participating in the workshops, would better understand our work in hiking trails management and maintenance.
Screen Content:	Photos of trail maintenance workshops.
Screen Content:	Colleagues from AFCD’s Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team coach volunteers on ways to conduct trail maintenance works.
Voice Over:	The scheme has evolved from knowledge sharing communication, and public forums, to educating the public on the concepts of trail maintenance. Volunteers are also invited to participate in the on-site construction and repair works. These activities enabled the public to understand the cause of soil erosion on the hiking trails, and to learn the maintenance method.
Screen Content:	Volunteers carry out trail maintenance works under the guidance of AFCD’s Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team.
Voice Over:	The Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team of AFCD mobilised around 500 volunteers to participate in the trail maintenance workshops. Under the supervision of AFCD’s technicians, the volunteers rolled up their sleeves to repair the hiking trails. They assisted AFCD to continuously improve the trail facilities and to promote the spirit of “Repair Our Own Trails”.
Screen Content:	AFCD’s technicians supervise the volunteers in carrying out the maintenance work.
Name Card:	Ngan Chung-man Volunteer
Screen Content:	Under the supervision of AFCD’s technicians, the volunteers

	move the timber up to the top of the hill.
Ngan Chung-man	I joined the Trailwalker previously, and when I was walking on the trails, I was not aware that they needed to be maintained. Like many Hong Kong people, I used to take things for granted. I realised afterwards that it was the effort of a team of people working on trail maintenance, which allowed us to enjoy the beautiful hiking trails.
Screen Content:	AFCD's Country Parks Trail Maintenance Team and the volunteers conduct trail maintenance work together.
Name Card:	Chan Ka-lai, Carrie Senior Field Officer Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Chan Ka-lai, Carrie	The volunteers showed much appreciation for our effort after seeing the hard work we put in. Some of them told us, after helping in the maintenance work, that they are willing to jointly protect and conserve the hiking trails and will use them with care. I also note that there are lots of passionate trail users in Hong Kong. No matter how tired they are, they are willing to help repair the hiking trails on weekend holidays. We are truly touched by them.
Screen Content:	A technician selects suitable equipment from the storeroom and heads to the hiking trails. Two technicians carry heavy equipment and walk along the hiking trails.
Voice Over:	Through public engagement, the scheme enabled the trail users to experience trail maintenance work, and made them understand the importance of trail conservation. In the long run, the scheme aims at nurturing more volunteers to take part in the sustainable conservation work of hiking trails.
Name Card:	Lee Ma-fat Senior Field Assistant Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Lee Ma-fat:	The volunteers treasure the hiking trails very much, so they instantly grasped what we taught them. There is a very large group of volunteers and they are highly motivated. We have the skills to carry out the construction and maintenance work, yet the biggest challenge lies in the transportation of materials, because that requires a lot of physical energy and

	manpower. At the moment, we have sufficient manpower drawn from a large pool of volunteers, and they are doing a really great job.
Screen Content:	Volunteers moves a trolley filled with repairing tools up the hill and transport the tools one at a time across the bridge.
Name Card:	Siu Hing wo Volunteer
Siu Hing wo:	Everytime I work as a volunteer, I have some reflections on nature. What is the relationship between human beings and nature? Are we the destroyer, the manager, or the protector of nature?
Screen Content:	Shots of country parks. Volunteers shovel the soil.
Yeung Fai-fai, Felix	When we communicate with the volunteers, we find that they are getting to understand our work better and recognise the value of our work. This has established a foundation of the trust between us and the volunteers. We anticipate to train more volunteers, and to build up a workforce in the long run, so as to work together to manage the hiking trails and conserve our natural resources.
Voice Over:	The scheme has been running for three years, and maintenance work involving 550m of trails was completed. The Green Earth, a local environmental organisation, has applied for funding from the Environment and Conservation Fund
Screen Content:	Aerial shot of volunteers carrying out trail maintenance works. Aerial shot of mountains, showcasing the achievement and hard work of AFCD and the volunteers.
Voice Over:	Besides, some environmental organisations and uniformed groups, which also agree with the purpose of the scheme, are exploring ways for long term collaboration with AFCD.
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