

Hong Kong Flower Show 2025

From 14 to 23 March 2025

Jockey Club School Section

Plant Exhibit Competition

(School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing and Garden Plot)

Prospectus and Entry Forms of

Section XI - XIII

Hong Kong Flower Show 2025

Prospectus of the Jockey Club School Section Plant Exhibit Competition

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The Jockey Club School Section Plant Exhibit Competition (School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing and Garden Plot), includes Section XI “Primary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition”, Section XII “Secondary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition” and Section XIII “School Garden Plot Competition”. Each section has different themes, requirements and quotas. The entry list is determined on a first-come-first-served basis. No entry fee is required.

Section/Quota

Section XI PRIMARY SCHOOL POTTED PLANT GROWING/NURSING COMPETITION

Class No. (SPU & SPN)	District	Theme	Quota
SPU1	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	African Violet	300
SPU2	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Cactus	
SPU3	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Fern	
SPU4	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Foliage Plant	
SPU5	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	
SPU6	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Hanging Basket Plant	
SPU7	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Ornamental Fruit Plant	
SPU8	Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Flowering Plant (other than SPU1 to SPU7)	
SPN1	Primary Schools of the New Territories	African Violet	
SPN2	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Cactus	
SPN3	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Fern	
SPN4	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Foliage Plant	
SPN5	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	
SPN6	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Hanging Basket Plant	
SPN7	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Ornamental Fruit Plant	
SPN8	Primary Schools of the New Territories	Flowering Plant (other than SPN1 to SPN7)	

Section XII**SECONDARY SCHOOL POTTED PLANT GROWING /
NURSING COMPETITION**

Class No. (SSU & SSN)	District	Theme	Quota
SSU1	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	African Violet	200
SSU2	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Cactus	
SSU3	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Fern	
SSU4	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Foliage Plant	
SSU5	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	
SSU6	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Hanging Basket Plant	
SSU7	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Ornamental Fruit Plant	
SSU8	Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Flowering Plant (other than SSU1 to SSU7)	
SSN1	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	African Violet	
SSN2	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Cactus	
SSN3	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Fern	
SSN4	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Foliage Plant	
SSN5	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	
SSN6	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Hanging Basket Plant	
SSN7	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Ornamental Fruit Plant	
SSN8	Secondary Schools of the New Territories	Flowering Plant (other than SSN1 to SSN7)	

Section XIII**SCHOOL GARDEN PLOT COMPETITION**

Class No.	Theme	Quota
SGP	Green Garden	5

Rules of the Competition

1. All entries must be submitted under the sections as appropriate in light of their themes. The Show Committee (the Committee) has the right to reassign the entries to their appropriate sections without prior notification to entrants.

2. “School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition”

- Entries must be submitted by schools only.
- Participating schools may send in their exhibits to the following collection centres **from 9:00am to 6:00pm on 10 March 2025 (Mon)**:
 - (a) Boundary Street Nursery (Address: Boundary Street Nursery (near Flower Market Road, Mong Kok))
 - (b) Sha Tin Sports Ground (Address: 18 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin)
 - (c) Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground (Address: 21 Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan)
 - (d) Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground (Address: Tsing Chung Koon Road, Tuen Mun)

or to be delivered to the showground **from 9:00am to 9:00pm on 11 March 2025 (Tue)**.

- All planting work must be done by the students themselves.
- The number of entries from each participating school is limited to three per class. Irrespective of the number of entries, each school is regarded as one entrant.
- The diameter of the pot of all the entries should not exceed 300 mm (except for ferns).

3. “School Garden Plot Competition”

- Only primary schools are eligible to enter this Competition and entries must be submitted by schools.
- The area of each school garden plot is 2m x 3m.
- All the flowers, plant materials*, containers and accessories* are to be provided by the entrants themselves.
- Artificial flowers and leaves are not allowed.
- Participating schools are required to construct their garden plots at the showground within the time specified as follows:

Date	Time
10 March 2025 (Mon)	9:00am – 9:00pm
11 March 2025 (Tue)	

4. Exhibits with living creatures will not be accepted.
5. Participating school are not allowed to act as judges in the sections which they have entered.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. No exhibit is allowed to display the name, company name, school name and other personal information of an entrant. Nor is it allowed to contain any commercial promotion messages.
8. Size of pots for exhibits of Sections XI and XII: the diameter or the longest side of a pot or a pan means the internal measurement taken as near its top as possible. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification.
9. Any contraventions of the Rules will lead to disqualification.

**Please refer to the part of Definition*

Definition of Terms

(A) Accessory

- Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit.
- **Electronic devices and chargers are not allowed to be used as accessories.**
- Plant material in its natural form can never be an accessory, therefore any number of placements of plant material can be used in an exhibit when accessories are prohibited.
- Plant material which has been tooled or crafted to resemble non-plant forms, e.g. a bird's nest, a corn dolly, a wooden figurine, is an accessory.
- Backgrounds, bases, drapes, title cards and containers holding plant material are not accessories and may always be used unless prohibited by the Committee.

(B) Plant Material

1. Natural Plant Material

- Natural plant material is any vegetable matter.
- It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild foliage, fruit, fungi, vegetables and seaweed.

Note: It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products.

2. Enhanced Plant Material

- Enhanced plant material means the plant materials enhanced by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products, or additional coloured or bleached plant materials, including preserved flowers. Dried plant materials or dried wood, dried lichen, or dried moss are allowed.

3. Additional Coloured Plant Material

- Any natural plant material in which the colour or texture is altered by bleach, dye, glitter, sparkle, varnish etc. may be used unless specifically forbidden by the show schedule.

4. Types of Natural Plant Material

i. Fresh plant material

- Living plants or material cut from living plants.
- Living plants and cut stem ends must be exhibited in water or water-retaining material. Failure to do this will result in disqualification.
- Exceptions: Air plants, cacti, pine, cypress, fruits, fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents, vegetables and long-lasting plant material, which will remain turgid for the duration of the Show.

Note: Lichen and moss, fresh or dried are acceptable in any exhibit.

ii. Dried Plant Material

- Any dried, preserved, bleached, skeletonised, or made-up plant material including basket cane, raffia, seed pods, sisal and spathes.

Note: Lichen and moss, fresh or dried are acceptable in any exhibit.

iii. Driftwood

- Any bark, branch, wood or root in a dry condition excluding seedpods and spathes.

iv. Garden Plant Material

- Plant material that can be cultivated out of doors.

v. Wild Plant Material

- Plant material that grows uncultivated out of doors.

5. Natural Plant Material is further defined as follows:

i. Flower/Bloom

- A single stem supporting one or more flowers.

Note: Bracts, catkins, cereals, heads of grass, reedmace, reeds, rushes and sedges at any stage of their development may be used as flowers.

- ii. Foliage
 - Leaves of any plant.
 - Unopened buds not showing petal colour are acceptable.
 - Flowerless bracts of any plant are acceptable as foliage, but should not predominate in exhibits required to feature foliage.
- iii. Bracts
 - Flower-like bracts or sepals such as anthurium, ballota, clary, euphorbia, hellebore, hydrangea, molucella, poinsettia are acceptable as flowers and/or foliage.
- iv. Fruit
 - Berries, cones, fruit, fungi, nuts, seed-heads and vegetables.
Note: Catkins, cereals, heads of grass, reedmace, reeds, rushes and sedges at any stage of their development may be used as fruit.

6. Artificial Plant Material

- Artificial plant material is realistic or fantasy plant-forms, made wholly or partly from non-plant material. This includes fabric, glass, metal, plastic, plaster, polyester, ribbon, shells, silk, sugar wax etc. which is used as a substitute for natural plant material in an exhibit.
- **Artificial plant material is not allowed.**
- Individual pieces of artificial plant material are not allowed for use as accessories.
- Artificial plant material or artificial plant forms that are an integral part of a container, base, background or accessory are allowed.

7. Artificial grass turf is not allowed for any purpose (including bases).

The Chinese translation of information relating to “accessory” in (A) and “plant material” in (B) above is for reference only. In case of dispute, the English version shall prevail.

Reference: National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (2015). *Competitions Manual (3rd ed.)*. Cheltenham: Quorum Print Services Ltd.

Notes

1. Except with the prior approval of the Committee, all exhibits must be bona fide property of the entrants and must be put on display throughout the entire show period (i.e. **from 11 to 23 March 2025**).
2. Entrants must ensure that their exhibits remain in a good condition during the show period. Should any exhibit wither to a state that is no longer suitable for display, the Committee has the right to remove it from the display bench. The entrant can retrieve his/her exhibit on the dates specified in paragraph 8 below.
3. The Committee has the right to refuse or withdraw any entry without any explanation.
4. Entrants may be disqualified for infringement of any rules and regulations.
5. The Committee will not be liable for any loss or damage caused to any exhibits, competition material or accessories* due to accident or other reasons.
6. Please note the following ordinances related to plants:
 - (a) Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the import, export, re-export or possession of specimens of an Appendix I plant species (e.g. slipper orchids) or live specimens of wild origin of an Appendix II plant species, requires a licence issued in advance by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The import, export or re-export of artificially propagated live specimens of an Appendix II plant species is also subject to the production of a valid #CITES export permit or a Phytosanitary Certificate (only for certificates issued by designated places with endorsement to serve as a CITES export permit) and inspection by an authorized officer upon landing or before export/re-export from Hong Kong.
(#CITES is referring to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)
 - (b) As stipulated in the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance (Cap. 207 of the Laws of Hong Kong), a Plant Import Licence issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and a valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting place are required for import of plants into Hong Kong. No person shall import any soil, including earth, sand, clay and peat, save in accordance with an authorization in writing issued by the AFCD. However, plants produced in and imported from any place in China outside Hong Kong, regardless of whether they are with soil or not, are exempted from the licensing requirements of Cap. 207.

Note: If the exhibit is a plant of the above-mentioned 6 (a) or (b), an entrant must attach a copy of the required licence or certificate on submission of the application for record.
 - (c) Under the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96 of the Laws of Hong Kong), damaging any plants in any forest or plantation on government land without lawful authority or excuse is prohibited. Some rare and attractive plants are specifically listed in the Forestry Regulations to control their sale or possession.
 - (d) Under the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Ordinance (the Ordinance), Cap. 607 of the Laws of Hong Kong, any person who knowingly cultivates seeds (e.g. seeds of pest-resistant GM maize), cut flowers (e.g. violet or blue GM carnation and violet or blue GM rose) or plants (e.g. GM petunia) of unapproved GM plants, or knowingly imports the GM plants or their seeds intended for cultivations in a field or into the open environment, commits an offense. An offender shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of HK\$100,000 and to imprisonment for one year.
7. Each school will be given a badge for free admission to the showground for the purposes of putting up, maintaining and retrieving his/her exhibit(s). The above arrangement is not applicable on the Judging Day (i.e. **from 9:00am to 5:00pm on 12 March 2025 (Wed)**). During the show period, free admission to the showground will be limited to the time specified below:
 - (a) 9:00am to 9:00pm on weekdays (**except 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on 12 March 2025 (Wed)**)
 - (b) 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays

8. Entrants can retrieve their exhibits in the following periods:

Date	Time
24 March 2025 (Mon)	8:00am - 9:00pm
25 March 2025(Tue)	8:00am - 12:00noon

Exhibits not claimed after the above periods will be disposed of by the Committee. The Committee will not accept the responsibility for any loss or damage incurred.

9. The Committee has the sole and absolute right to interpret these rules, regulations and conditions; and to settle finally and determine all matters arising out of the Show. The decision of the Committee will be final.
10. Each class will award the “First Prize”, “Second Prize”, “Third Prize” and “Highly Commended Award”.
11. Each section will award the “Section Winner Prize”, which is to be selected by the judges from all the First Prize winners of the classes under the section.
12. The judges will decide the awards to be presented and their numbers under each class and section based on the quality of the exhibits. Award of the prizes are at the absolute discretion of the judges. The Committee has the right not to bestow any award in any class or section if the judges consider that no exhibit in an individual class or section has yet met the required standard for the awards.
13. Winners of “Section Winner Prize” will attend the Prize Presentation Ceremony to be held during the show period to be presented a trophy, while the certificates will be sent to all winners of each class by post in late May 2025.
14. Results will be announced in the LCSD’s website via <https://www.hkflowershow.hk>.

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The Jockey Club School Section Plant Exhibit Competition
(School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing and Garden Plot)

**Entry Form of Section XI “Primary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition”,
Section XII “Secondary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition” and Section
XIII “School Garden Plot Competition”**

Participating School No:	(for official use only)		
Name of School:			
Name of Teacher in charge:	Mr / Ms		
Address:			
Telephone:		Mobile phone: (The Committee may provide the latest updates to participants via WhatsApp)	
Fax:		Email:	

Section XI PRIMARY SCHOOL POTTED PLANT GROWING/NURSING COMPETITION

District	Class No. (SPU & SPN)	Theme	Name of Species /Scientific Name/Number of Pots The number of entries from each participating school is limited to three per class (e.g. <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 3 pots)
Primary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	SPU1	African Violet	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU2	Cactus	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU3	Fern	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU4	Foliage Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU5	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU6	Hanging Basket Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU7	Ornamental Fruit Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPU8	Flowering Plant (other than SPU1 to SPU7)	(Total ___ pots)
Primary Schools of the New Territories	SPN1	African Violet	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN2	Cactus	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN3	Fern	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN4	Foliage Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN5	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN6	Hanging Basket Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN7	Ornamental Fruit Plant	(Total ___ pots)
	SPN8	Flowering Plant (other than SPN1 to SPN7)	(Total ___ pots)

Section XII SECONDARY SCHOOL POTTED PLANT GROWING/NURSING COMPETITION

District	Class No. (SSU & SSN)	Theme	Name of Species /Scientific Name/Number of Pots The number of entries from each participating school is limited to three per class (e.g. <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 3 pots)
Secondary Schools of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	SSU1	African Violet	(Total ___pots)
	SSU2	Cactus	(Total ___pots)
	SSU3	Fern	(Total ___pots)
	SSU4	Foliage Plant	(Total ___pots)
	SSU5	Succulent Plant (Except Cactus)	(Total ___pots)
	SSU6	Hanging Basket Plant	(Total ___pots)
	SSU7	Ornamental Fruit Plant	(Total ___pots)
	SSU8	Flowering Plant (other than SSU1 to SSU7)	(Total ___pots)
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	SSN3	Fern	(Total ___pots)
	SSN4	Foliage Plant	(Total ___pots)
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	SSN6	Hanging Basket Plant	(Total ___pots)
	SSN7	Ornamental Fruit Plant	(Total ___pots)
	SSN8	Flowering Plant (other than SSN1 to SSN7)	(Total ___pots)

Section	Class	Please fill in name of school if participating
Section XIII (School Garden Plot Competition)	SGP	

Declaration

I confirm that I have read the rules and regulations of this competition and agree to accept and abide by the relevant provisions.

I ensure that all the nursing work of all the entries (under Section XI and Section XII) are done by the students of the school.

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Signature of School Principal : _____

Name of School Principal : _____

Date : _____

Remarks:

1. For all the schools participating in the Section XI “Primary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition” and the Section XII “Secondary School Potted Plant Growing/Nursing Competition,” the number of entries from each participating school is limited to three per class. Irrespective of the number of entries, each school is regarded as one entrant.
 2. The entrants for the Section XIII “School Garden Plot Competition” are primary schools only. If the number of entrants is less than three, the Committee has the right to cancel this Competition, to which the entrants must have no objection.
 3. The Committee has the right to amend the exhibit/name of the species provided by the entrants in case of misidentification.
 4. Exhibits of Sections XI-XIII must be put on display throughout the entire show period (i.e. **from 11 to 23 March 2025**).
 5. Date of Enrolment: **from 9:00 am on 7 January 2025 (Tue) until 27 January 2025 (Mon)**:
 6. Enrolment method:
 - Through electronic enrolment at the Hong Kong Flower Show’s website:
<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/hkfs/2025/exhibits.html>
- OR
- Download the entry form from the Hong Kong Flower Show’s website:
<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/hkfs/2025/exhibits.html>
and return the duly completed form in person (during the office hours of the Secretariat), by post or by fax to:

Secretariat of Show Committee,
Hong Kong Flower Show 2025,
11/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters,
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00pm - 6:00 pm (except public holidays)

Fax. No.: 2691 7264

7. The personal data and information provided by entrants in this application will be used for the purposes of enrolment, completion of statistics, future correspondence and publicity of the Show only. If you want to change or retrieve the personal data and information, you may contact Secretariat, Show Committee by telephone on 2601 8260.

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