



## Young Surveyors Group

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# Go Planting!

Reported by Sr Tracy Wong and Sr Yoyo Li

The YSG Social Services Sub-Committee participated in the "Together We Plant" Volunteer Greening Day organised by the Agency for Volunteers Service on 4 July. It was one of the events in the "Country Parks Plantation Enrichment Programme" initiated by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to increase biodiversity and the ecological value of exotic plantations in country parks.

This is YSG's first-ever tree planting event, so everyone was very excited about the event. Participants gathered at Tsuen Wan MTR Station early in the morning and started their journey at the Shing Mun Country Park after a short ride there by shuttle bus. Helpers led the participants through the woods for about 30 minutes before arriving at the designated planting zone. After a short briefing on the planting procedures, everyone started to plant their seedlings carefully.

For starters, the trees had to be planted far enough from each other to prevent overcrowding. Then participants had to excavate the soil to a certain depth so that the seedlings would be well-protected. Although the planting process took only a few steps, it was not as easy as one may expect because it was very energy-consuming. However, everyone worked as a team to support each other and managed to plant every seedling.

Even though this activity exhausted everyone, they all enjoyed it. Not only did they contribute to a better environment, they also got in touch with nature by taking in the beautiful scenery along the way.

YSG looks forward to the next charity event and hopes to see you next time!







Left: Albert Wong, Sr Kitty Ng, Sr Yoyo Li, Sr Tracy Wong, Sr Frank Poon, Miki Hau, and Camman Chan (YSG Committee Members)

"Thanks for your hard work!"



## Go Sailing!

Reported by Sr Jason Wo and Cara Ng

Sailing is one of the oldest forms of human transport that has been developed into a form of recreation and sport. Some may be confused about the difference between a yacht and a boat. To me, a yacht requires a high level of cooperation to sail and is very aesthetically pleasing. Sailing is a really enjoyable experience, especially for surveyors whose jobs involve interacting with other professionals.

When sailing, one should be keenly aware of the wind and currents. Once the timing is right, one needs to immediately change the tack shoulder to shoulder (also called "tacking" and "jibing"). The whole process takes less than a minute so long as one acts quickly. The rain and sun should affect neither one's awareness of the winds and currents nor one's satisfaction of seeing the speedometer reading go up!