

Contributing to Sustainable Development



Urban Renewal Exploration Centre displays URA's work in environmental sustainability in its projects.

The URA has played an important role in incorporating environmental sustainability in all aspects of our work in urban renewal. We believe that with proper planning and design, new buildings can achieve much better ventilation and more efficient energy use.

Our policy on environmental sustainability was formalised in 2009. It is now at the core of our work. The policy draws on the experience of many cities overseas, and is based on the latest environmental technology as well as the advice of experts in the field.

These guidelines are not slogans; they are incorporated in the requirements of our tender documents.

Our current project in Lee Tung Street is the first to incorporate all our environmental provisions in a comprehensive way. We estimate that by applying all our green features, this project's greenhouse gas emission will be cut by about 23%.

URA has scored six HK-BEAM platinum ratings so far:

- Ka Wai Man Road project, Kennedy Town
- Tsuen Wan Town Centre project, Tsuen Wan
- Bedford Road / Larch Street project, Tai Kok Tsui
- First Street / Second Street project, Sai Ying Pun
- Queen's Road East project, Wan Chai
- Cherry Street project, Tai Kok Tsui



Ka Wai Man Road project



Tsuen Wan Town Centre project



Cherry Street project



Bedford Road / Larch Street project

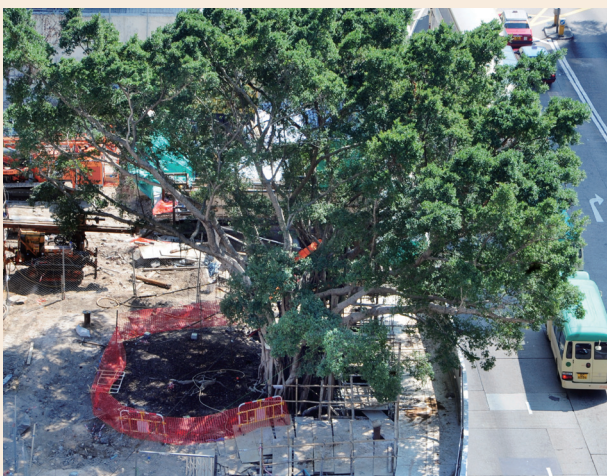


First Street / Second Street project



Queen's Road East project

On 1 May 2011, the URA completed its most difficult tree relocation project in Kwun Tong, in cooperation with its joint venture partner, tree experts, engineers and workers. A 40-year-old tree that weighs over 300 tonnes, or the equivalent of two jumbo jets, was smoothly relocated from the URA's work site at Yuet Wah Street to a nearby park.



The tree at the work site in Yuet Wah Street before relocation.



Working around the clock to move the tree to its new home nearby.



The tree at the Yuet Wah Street Playground.

Education is crucial in raising our next generation's awareness of the need to contribute to a sustainable Hong Kong. The URA promotes sustainable development by supporting international events, such as last year's C40 Conference, and we promote the green concept at our Urban Renewal Exploration Centre, where students are able to explore up-to-date green technology.



URA Chairman Mr Barry Cheung at C40 conference.

URA has been using environmentally friendly ink and recycled paper in the production of its corporate publications, including annual reports, corporate brochures and leaflets.

