

Green Hope Hong Kong

Annual Report
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Green Hope

Message From Our Chairman



We are immensely grateful to those who have supported Green Hope as we head into our third year of establishment. In 2022–2023, we continued our work in advocating “Leave No Trace” principles and waste reduction through various community engagement programmes. It is important to respect nature and its resources, while seeking ways to coexist with each other. Climate change and plastic pollution have been posing significant threats to our environment. As we all dwell on this planet, these are all pressing environmental issues that none of us can stay aloof from. And hence, as an environmental organization, we must also consider, in the work we do, how we can effectively engage community stakeholders and raise awareness on environmental protection, so as to keep them informed and conscious of their ties with and collective responsibility for the environment.

We have been adopting a multi-pronged approach, including sharing news on environmental topics on our social platforms, operating our community recycling booths and organizing nature clean-ups, to raise awareness on environmental issues and how the public can actively contribute to protecting the environment.

In the past year, we have seen significant improvements in the littering conditions of nature trails after conducting several rounds of clean-ups. We have also established close relationships with community members at our Lam Tin recycling booth, where we would share various green tips, including the importance of cleaning and sorting through recyclables. Their enthusiasm in contributing and learning, and their enhanced understanding of the recycling process throughout our time in the community truly motivate us to continue our work in exploring ways to promote waste reduction habits.

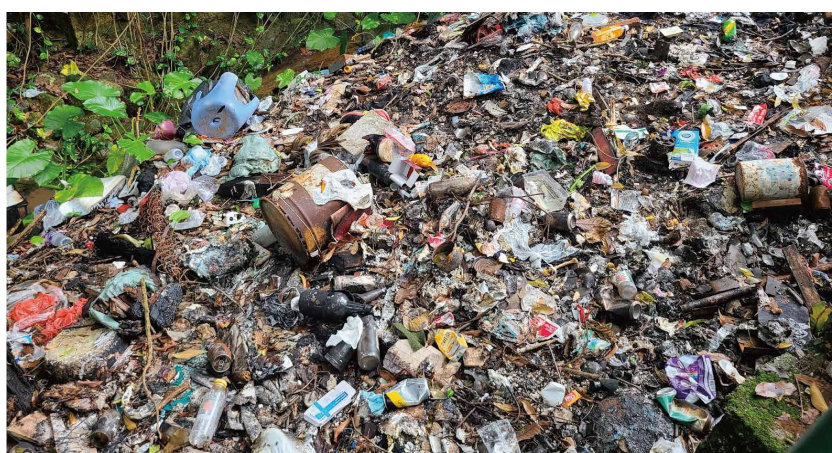
This year, we have launched new initiatives and expanded our presence across Hong Kong. We offered recycling services at a market in Mong Kok, built our very own “green” Christmas tree and minigame booths using fully recycled materials at our Christmas fun fair, organized a public tour of pulp mill and education centre Mil Mill, and collaborated with other non-profits on a research project on the public’s recycling habits. Just as the government announced its plans to implement garbage levy and ban single-use plastics, we encouraged the public to adopt waste reduction habits by promoting the use of reusable tableware and cooperating with restaurants to implement the "Zero Waste Takeaway" program.

To achieve these goals, we must gather the strengths of the people.

If everyone of us does a little more and takes one more step, we can bring about change.

Accumulate those baby steps of change, and we will find hope.

Here, I would like to thank Green Hope Committee Members for their selfless dedication, our active volunteers, and our private and corporate donors — all your support and resources have enabled us to continue our commitment to advocating environmental protection, as we build a greener and better Hong Kong.





Hong Kong has a beautiful natural landscape. While COVID-19 has inspired more people to escape the city bustle and explore nature, this has led to a significant increase in the amount of litter. Difficult to decompose, most of the discarded waste, such as surgical masks and plastic bags, not only pollutes the environment but may also be ingested by wild animals, thus harming the local ecosystem.

Through organizing nature clean-ups, Green Hope seeks to mobilise the public to clean up the litters on hiking trails and around coastal areas and take them to the waste management facilities in Hong Kong, thus keeping our nature clean and minimising the pollution caused by the negative impact of litter on flora, fauna, and the environment they reside in. We also hope to enable our participants to gain a better understanding of the severe problem of littering in nature in Hong Kong, thus inspiring them to take concrete actions by adopting eco-friendly hiking habits and bearing the responsibility to protect the environment.

Nature Clean-ups

While hiking, we can do more than just clean up after ourselves (or what the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department coined as “Take Your Litter Home”). We can even prepare trash bags to clean up waste discarded by others. In the long run, environmental education, such as advocating the “Leave No Trace” principles, waste reduction or even a zero-waste lifestyle, is the first step to solving the problem of littering in nature.

From 2022 to 2023, Green Hope has organised a total of 19 nature clean-ups across all three territories in Hong Kong, engaging 510 volunteers in clearing over 2.1 tonnes of trash. In addition, we have recruited two nature clean-up coordinators, who helped to plan the itineraries and lead the nature clean-ups. The nature clean-up held in Tai Mong Tsai in March 2023 was organized by one of the coordinators, Casey, who took up the responsibility of leading the event, from pre-planning to site inspection, volunteer management and event execution. We hope they will continue to inspire others as nature clean-up ambassadors and activity leaders to advocate the “Leave No Trace” principles and our collective responsibility to protect the environment.

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垃圾圖鑑 - #015

食品類



物品：藍妹啤酒330ml
材質：鋁

飲完酒都要記得回收返個罐呀!



“ Codex
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Waste ”



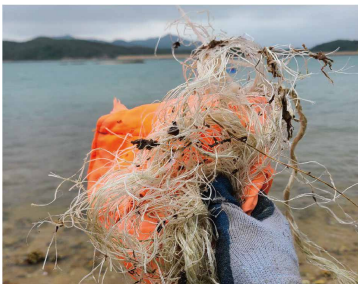
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垃圾圖鑑 - #019

醫療類



物品：口罩
材質：不織布、海棉、棉布.....
呢兩年最常見嘅垃圾之一



During our nature clean-ups, we have discovered many oddly fascinating waste items. Besides disposing them, we also hope to share these discoveries, through curating a “Codex of Waste”, which is shared on our social media platforms and our website, to showcase the reality and severity of environmental pollution and littering in nature, thus educating the public on how littering is harming the environment and the importance of “Leaving No Trace”.

Each “Codex of Waste” article includes photos and waste composition analysis (i.e., materials/waste category and recycling method) of various waste items we have collected during our clean-ups, as well as their environmental impact. This year, we have compiled 9 “Codex of Waste” articles on various waste items, including table tennis balls, beer cans, and even condoms.

Community Recycling Booth

Since August 2021, Green Hope has been operating the community recycling booth in Lam Tin, calling for community members to drop off plastic waste and second-hand items at our booth once or twice a month, hoping to reduce the public's disposal of reusable or recyclable items to landfills while increasing their awareness of recycling, thereby encouraging our communities to adopt the habit of recycling.

Since August 2022, Green Hope has launched our “Community Recycling Booth 2.0”, besides plastics and second-hand items, we have now expanded our collection criteria to include paper items (i.e., Tetra Pak beverage cartons and mixed paper) and metals (i.e., iron cans and aluminium cans), which successfully earned the enthusiastic support of the community and encouraged more to develop the habit of recycling other items other than plastics.

In addition, Green Hope has also collected “Poon Choi” containers during Chinese New Year, which were donated to local dog shelters and farms, etc., thus achieving waste reduction through resource reallocation. We have also assisted The Green Earth in collecting expired bamboo chopsticks, which were reused as tools for tree planting.





In addition to our regular community recycling booths, Green Hope has also held our first-ever special Christmas-themed recycling booth in 2022. Using recycled materials, such as cardboard paper, gunny sacks, and plastic bottle caps brought by community members, we built a “green” Christmas tree and minigame booths to test everyone’s knowledge on environmental topics, with sustainable prizes sponsored by GreenPrice. The activity has successfully attracted community members of all ages to participate with much enthusiasm.

Category	Weight (Kg)
Plastic bottles	213.65
Styrofoam	13.96
Other plastic	1,539.1
Total plastic weight	1,766.71
Aluminum foil boxes	41.59
Paper cups	29.85
Other Paper	406.25
Total paper weight	477.69
Total metal weight	129.45
Total recycling weight	2,373.85

Zero Waste Takeaway



In March 2023, the Hong Kong Government submitted the "Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2023" (Amendment Bill) to the Legislative Council. Subject to the progress of the scrutiny by the Legislative Council, the local sale and free provision of plastic tableware will be banned in late 2023 or early 2024 at the earliest [Note 1].

As proposed by the Amendment Bill, Hong Kong is seeking to build a "plastic-free" culture in the near future. As an environmental organization in Hong Kong and an advocate of plastic waste reduction, we have launched the "Zero Waste Takeaway" program in 2022.

This initiative seeks to encourage restaurants and consumers in Hong Kong to use reusable tableware (i.e., meal boxes and utensils) instead of disposables. At present, we have cooperated with a local start-up company that provides meal box rental services and related technologies. We are also actively reaching out to different restaurant merchants in Hong Kong to participate in this initiative.

Ahead of the implementation of the Amendment Bill, we also hope to cooperate with local shopping malls to promote the rental of reusable tableware in food courts to replace disposables.

Note 1: Government introduces Bill into Legislative Council for regulation of disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202303/15/P2023031500479.htm>

“Green School” Education Program

American philosopher and educator John Dewey, who pioneered the “learning by doing” approach, once said, “Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.”

In collaboration with schools, Green Hope’s “Green School” program is a series of extra-curricular activities that emphasises both theory and practice, aiming to provide students early exposure to environmental topics such as environmental protection and sustainable development. In FY 2022–23, we have organized two “Green School” programs:



2022/11: partnered with Gift n Take in organizing a series of educational activities at SKH Kindly Light Church Holy Carpenter Kindergarten focusing on Hong Kong’s food waste problem



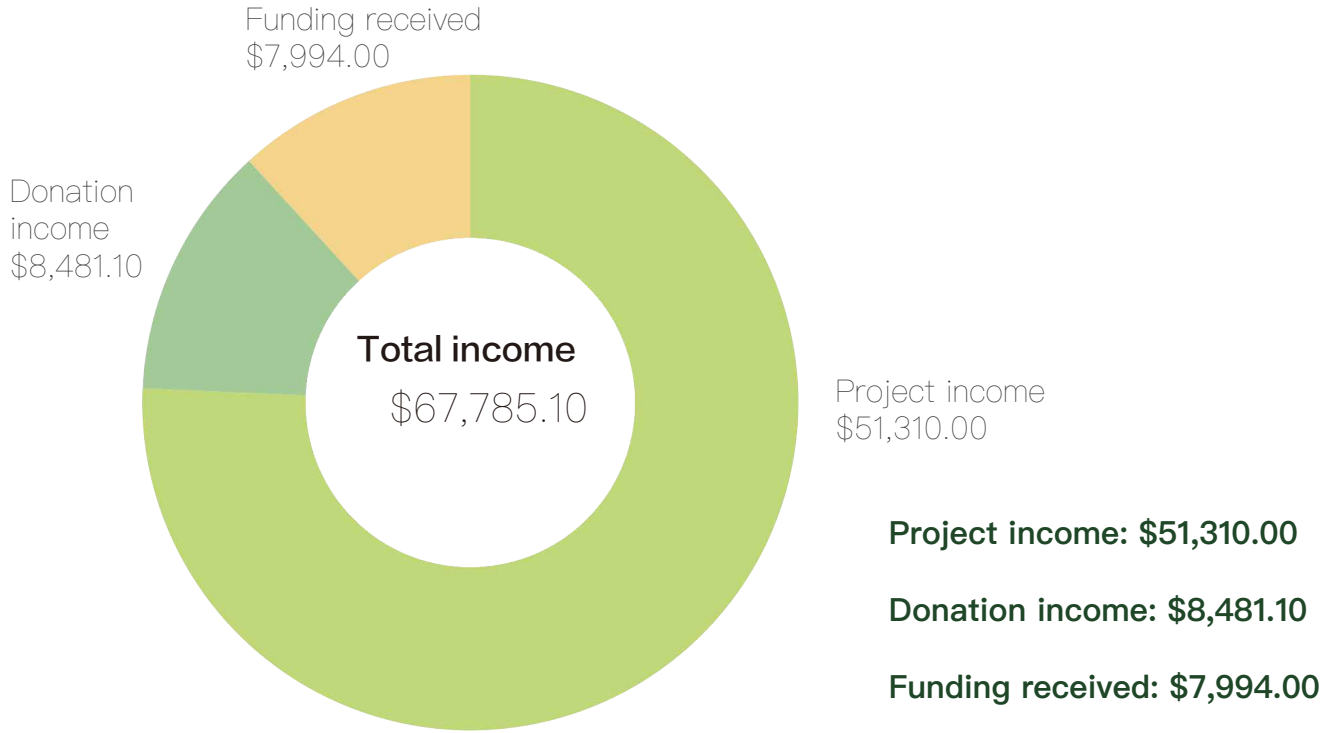
2023/03 : partnered with HKU Business School in organizing “Heal the Bay Community Service Day” to discuss the issue of marine litter

Education plays an extremely important role in building a sustainable lifestyle. We believe that learning should also take place outside the classroom through direct observation and hands-on experience. Students can be encouraged to reinterpret and verify the concepts and knowledge they have learnt, draw conclusions based on their thought processes, apply their learnings and experiences to other real life contexts, construct their individual sustainable mindset and understanding of the importance of “sustainability”, and reflect upon their relationship with the environment, thus ultimately taking action to make a positive impact on the environment.

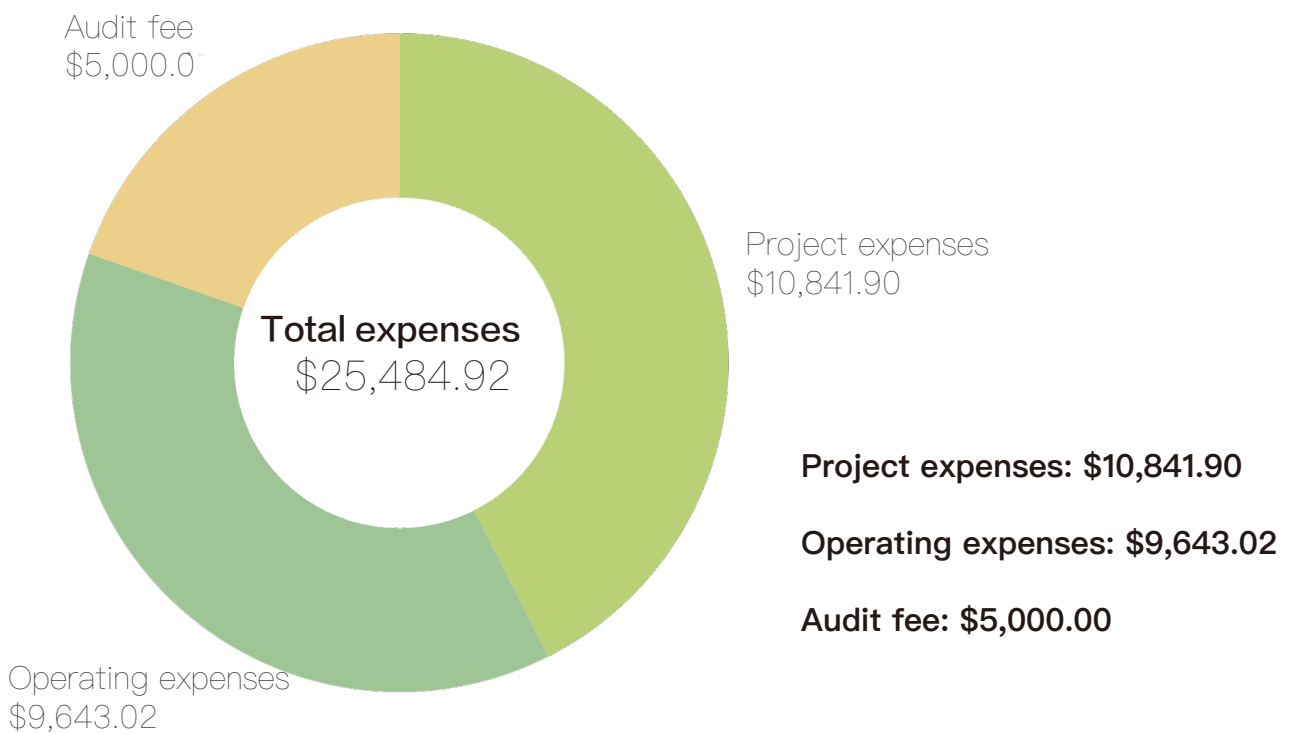


Financial Highlights

Total Income : \$67,785.10



Total Expense : \$25,484.92



Committee Member

Chairman

曾鍵麟 Hector Tsang

Witnessing the degradation of Hong Kong's natural environment, Hector began reflecting upon his relationship with nature and realised that there is still room to further push for environmental education and community engagement in Hong Kong. With a few friends, he therefore established Green Hope, in the hope of connecting everyone in this city to contribute their strengths to protect the environment for future generations. Hector graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a bachelor's degree in Engineering.



Vice-Chairman

羅啟駿 Calvin Law

Calvin loves nature and believes that green living is not necessarily easier said than done; environmental protection can be integrated into our daily lives. Through Green Hope, he therefore hopes to provide a platform for everyone to understand environmental protection from different perspectives and practise sustainable living. Calvin graduated from the Faculty of Science of the University of Hong Kong.



Secretary

黃俊穎 Samuel Wong

Samuel founded Green Hope in the hope of inspiring the public to understand the importance of environmental protection and raising their awareness of environmental protection through hands-on experience, thus influencing them to gradually improve their living habits. Samuel graduated from The Hong Kong Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom.



Committee Member, Operations

曾蔭麟 John Tsang


John has held project management positions at local environmental groups, managing various sustainable development projects, and has written articles for newspapers sharing his views on environmental issues. He believes that Green Hope can foster the public's independent thinking and reflection upon one's relationship with the Earth's resources as the basis of morality. John graduated from Northumbria University with a bachelor's degree (Honours) in Environmental Management.





Committee Member, Communications


梁恩賜 Isabella Leung



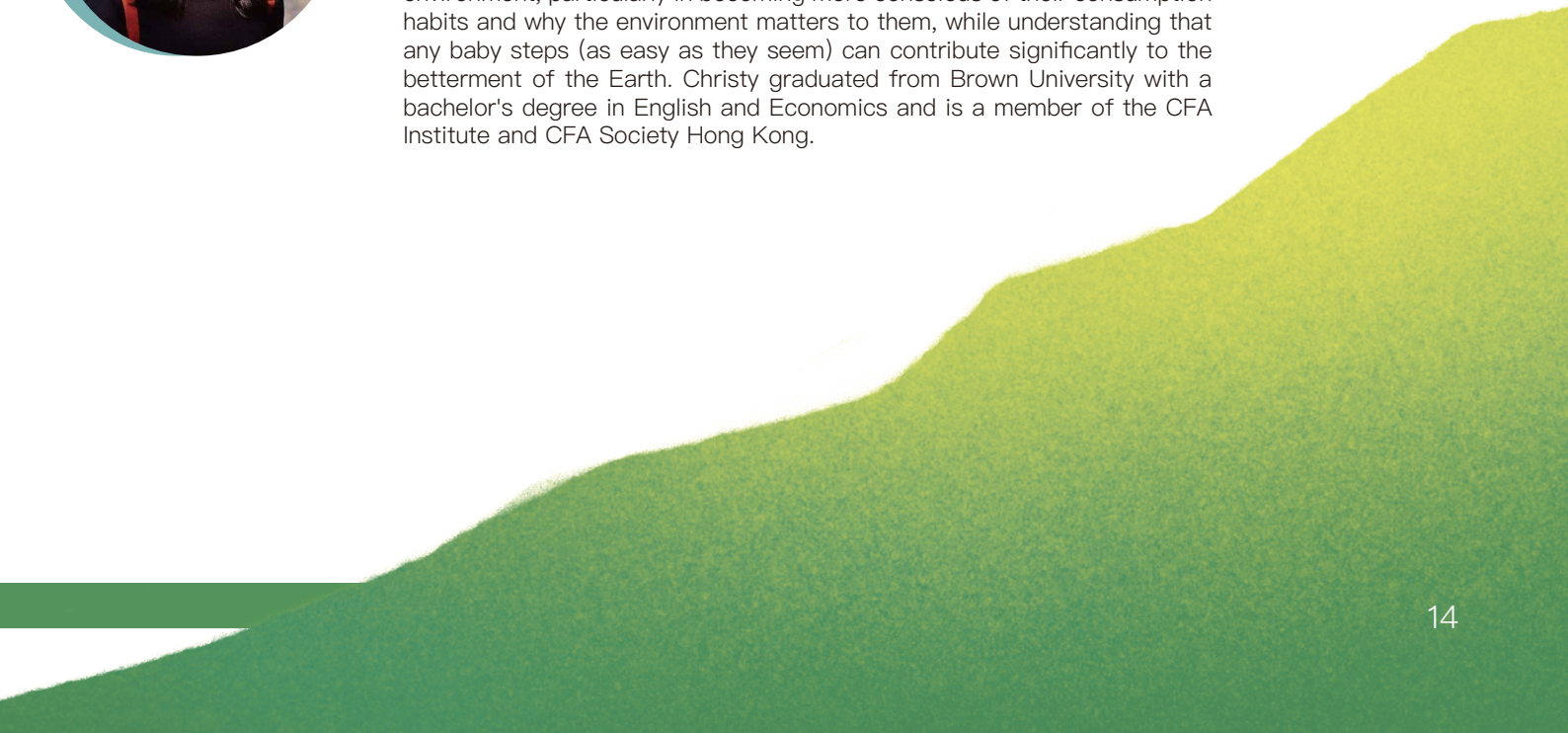
Isabella has held media relations, communications and marketing positions at various environmental groups and social enterprises and has relevant knowledge and insights on sustainability topics. Through Green Hope and leveraging her expertise and experience, she hopes to let the public understand that adopting a sustainable lifestyle is not difficult, nor is it just about doing what is right or wrong. Isabella graduated from the University of Surrey with a bachelor's degree in Media Studies.

Committee Member, Communications

梁穎彤 Christy Leung



Christy is passionate about raising environmental awareness for a sustainable future. Through Green Hope, she hopes to leverage her professional experience in communications, art and design, and community and corporate engagement, to inspire and engage the community in protecting the environment, particularly in becoming more conscious of their consumption habits and why the environment matters to them, while understanding that any baby steps (as easy as they seem) can contribute significantly to the betterment of the Earth. Christy graduated from Brown University with a bachelor's degree in English and Economics and is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society Hong Kong.



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