

Best Landscaped Slope Awards

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PART ONE Background

1. There are some 54,000 man-made slopes located all over Hong Kong. Slopes are seen everywhere and hence their appearances have a direct visual impact on our city and living environment.
2. In view of this, government has built in landscape treatment to slopes in upgrading and enhanced maintenance works and encouraged private slope owners to do the same. Apart from meeting the required safety requirements, the desired outcome is to have the completed slopes predominantly green, visually most pleasing and blend in well with the environment.

PART TWO Purpose

To promote public awareness in slope safety and aesthetics and arouse slope owners' interest in providing landscape treatment to their slopes when they carry out slope maintenance and upgrading works.

PART THREE General Information and Conditions

1. The Promoter and Co-organizers

- 1.1 The Award scheme is primarily promoted by the Civil Engineering Department (CED).
- 1.2 The Award scheme is co-organized by the Professional Green Building Council (PGBC), the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies (HKAPMC) and the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA).

2. Scope of the Awards

- 2.1 For the purpose of the Award Scheme, a "slope" is defined as a man-made feature which includes soil cut slopes, soil fill slopes, rock cut slopes, rock fill slopes, retaining walls or any combination of the above.



- 2.2 The gradient of the slope shall not be less than 15 degrees to the horizontal.
- 2.3 The slope under nomination shall be situated within Hong Kong.

3. Award Categories

- 3.1 Best Landscaped Slope Award, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and Merit Awards.

4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1 Safety and health come first. Nominated slopes are first assessed in terms of their state of maintenance and hygienic conditions. Nominations supported by good maintenance records will have advantages. In this connection, government slopes that have been declared as dangerous slopes pending upgrading works and private slopes that have outstanding DH orders pending study/upgrading works are generally not eligible for the competition.
- 4.2 In general, a slope is considered well landscaped if the landscape design satisfies the broad objectives given in section 1.4 of the "Technical Guidelines on Landscape Treatment and Bio-engineering for Man-made Slopes and Retaining Walls" (GEO publication No. 1/2000) and the landscape design objectives given in the Layman's Guide to Landscape Treatment of Slopes and Retaining Walls. The following aspects will be considered, where appropriate :
- (a) Limiting impacts on the natural environment;
 - (b) Fitting in with the surrounding environment ;
 - (c) Achieving naturalness;
 - (d) Ease of maintenance;
 - (e) Mitigating visual impact;
 - (f) Contributing to environmental sustainability; and
 - (g) Aesthetically pleasing.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 Any individuals, private firms and Government bodies may nominate slopes for the competition.

- 5.2 Any member of the Assessment Panel of the Awards shall not in any way be associated with any projects, be it planning, design or construction of the slope works for the nominated slopes. Panel members must declare their interest in any nominated slopes with which they have been associated.

- 5.3 Each nomination shall include a declaration stating that the project was carried out by the nominator or under his/her supervision.

- 5.4 A partially completed slope would not normally be accepted unless phasing of the project is so obvious as to enable the completed portion to be considered as a separate entity. In general, slopes are considered as completed if they have been constructed to the approved drawings.

6. Language of the Award Scheme

- 6.1 Entry materials shall be submitted in Chinese or English.

7. Assessment Panel

- 7.1 The submissions will be adjudicated by an Assessment Panel of 7 members. Tentatively, the composition of the panel members are as follows :
- one representative from the promoter and each of the three co-organizers; total four members ;
 - one representative from a university ;
 - one representative from the green groups ; and
 - a notable member of the public.
- 7.2 In case of inability on the part of any Panel member to act, a person nominated by the Promoter and agreed by the Co-organizers will replace him/her.

8. Schedule

- 8.1 This Award Scheme will be publicized in June 2003. Publication and mailing of these conditions to interested parties will immediately follow.
- 8.2 All registrations and submissions are to be made to the given address for the attention of the Secretary of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards not later than 12:00 noon on 1st November 2003. The Assessment Panel will



meet and evaluate the submissions in November 2003. The Award Presentation Ceremony will be held in December 2003.

8.3 All dates including those for submission and assessment are subject to change by decision of the Promoter or the Assessment Panel on the advice of or with the agreement of the Co-organizers. Due notice of any change of programme will be sent to all registered nominators simultaneously.

8.4 No responsibility can be taken by the Promoter, the Co-organizers or the Assessment Panel for the failure of any document, however transmitted so as to comply with these Conditions, to be delivered to the registered nominator's address at a time, which permits his or her compliance with the notified schedule.

9. Copyright

9.1 The Promoter and Co-organizers reserve the right to use the information submitted on the slope at their discretion for the purposes of promotion and publicity of the Award Scheme.

10. Disputes

10.1 The Assessment Panel is the sole arbiter at all stages up to the final presentation of Awards, and their decision on any matter will be final and binding on all parties.

11. Awards

11.1 The awards will be in the form of a plaque. Three Awards will be assigned to the best landscaped slopes. In addition, Merit Awards will be given to other meritorious slopes.

PART FOUR Requirements and Entry Documentation

1. Stage 1 - Submission Documentation

1.1 Location plan

1.2 Photographs of the slope (before and after landscape treatment works, if appropriate).

1.3 Written description outlining the following information (not more than 10 pages of A4 paper)

- Description of the slope ;
- Slope maintenance conditions (please attach slope maintenance records in the Appendix, where appropriate);
- Environmental and aesthetical considerations; and
- Unusual or interesting facts appropriate for publicity purposes.

2. Stage 2 - Adjudication

2.1 In the second stage of assessment, the Assessment Panel may request further information. Site visits may be made by the panel members to the slope feature before any final decision is reached.

3. Fees

3.1 No entry fees are required.

4. Entry Requirements

4.1 Registration and Submission

- Nomination shall be registered by submission of the completed Registration Form at the Appendix and all necessary documents;
- One Form shall be submitted for nomination of each slope; and
- Registration Form and Submission Documentation must reach the Secretary of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards not later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, 1 November 2003 at the address below :

Secretary of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards
c/o Slope Safety Division
Geotechnical Engineering Office
Civil Engineering Department
7/F Civil Engineering Building
101 Princess Margaret Road
Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong



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Appendix

Registration Form

1. Nominated Slope

Slope Location : _____

(Please attach a location plan showing the slope boundary)

2. Approval

Approval for submitting the slope for the Best Landscaped Slope Awards and for it to be used in any publicity associated with the Awards Scheme must be obtained beforehand from the slope owner of the project.

Slope Owner : _____
(Organisation)

Name of Representative : _____

I declare that approval is given for submitting the above nominated slope for the Best Landscaped Slope Awards and for it to be used in the publicity associated with the Award Scheme.

Signature : _____ Date : _____

3. Project Team Members

(Organisation and names of representatives of other team members as appropriate)

Consultant : _____

Main Contractor : _____

Landscape Contractor : _____

Others : _____

4. Nominator

Slopes may be nominated by the designer(s)/manager(s) of the project, any member of the project team or the slope owner. The wording on any award will bear the name(s) of the designer(s)/manager(s) of the project or the slope owner and/or the landscape designer.

Name of Nominator(s) : _____

Contact Person : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____ Fax : _____

I declare that the works associated with the slope nominated under this form was undertaken by me or under my supervision.

Signature : _____ Date : _____

The Registration Form, the required documentation and supporting information must reach the Secretary of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards not later than 12:00 noon, 1 November 2003 (Saturday) at the address below:

Secretary of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards
c/o Slope Safety Division, Geotechnical Engineering Office
Civil Engineering Department, 7/F Civil Engineering Building
101 Princess Margaret Road, Homantin, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Enquiries : Chief Geotechnical Engineer / Slope Safety
Tel : 2762 5691 Fax : 2762 2389 Email : cge_ssd@ced.gov.hk

Handling of personal data collected under this Registration Form

The personal data provided in this form will be used for the purpose of adjudication of the Best Landscaped Slope Awards. The provision of personal data by means of this form is voluntary. If you do not provide sufficient information, we may not be able to process your nomination or correspond with you. The personal data you provided in this form may be disclosed to other government bureaux or departments for cross reference should the need arises. You have a right of access and correction to the personal data provided under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, including right to obtain a copy of your personal data detailed in this form. In case of need, please write to us. Upon verification of signature and official chop, the request will be followed up.

