

Details of Trees under the Purview of LCSD on the Register of Old and Valuable Tree Removed since 1 January 2008

	Locations of Tree	Registration Number and Name of Tree on the Register of Old and Valuable Trees	Date of Removal	Reasons for Removal
1.	Nathan Road, Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard	Registration No.: LCSD YTM/9 Ficus microcarpa	31 January 2008	It is believed that the tree had grown in a naturally inclined form for several decades. The gain in weight and height during its growth had increased the load on the main trunk, aggravating the inclination. Apart from appropriately pruning withered branches to reduce the load on the trunk, the LCSD also tied five cable bracings on the main branches of the tree to temporarily stabilise the trunk and lessen the load on the main trunk, thus reducing its chance of collapsing. At the beginning of 2008, members of the tree expert group conducted thorough inspection and examination of the condition of the tree and agreed that its inclination had become worse and posed a potential hazard of collapsing. As the pedestrian flow on Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard was heavy, the dangerous tree had to be removed to protect public safety.
2.	Upper Albert Road	Registration No.: LCSD CW/83 Ficus virens var. sublanceolata	22 August 2008	The tree was blown over during Typhoon "Nuri" and was subsequently removed.
3.	Victoria Park	Registration No.: LCSD E/25 Eucalyptus salignus	22 August 2008	The tree was blown over during Typhoon "Nuri" and was subsequently removed.

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4.	Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	Registration No.: LCSD CW/61 <i>Ficus elastica</i>	22 August 2008	The tree possessed a multi-trunk stem. Part of the trunk collapsed during the attack of Typhoon “Prapiroon” on 3 August 2006. The remaining limb was also damaged by a strong windstorm on 8 April 2008. During Typhoon “Nuri”, the remaining parts of the tree were irrecoverably damaged and the tree was subsequently removed.
5.	Chater Garden	Registration No.: LCSD CW/119 <i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i>	22 August 2008	The main trunk of the tree was blown over during Typhoon “Fengshen” on 25 June 2008. The remaining parts of the tree were irrecoverably damaged during Typhoon “Nuri” and had to be removed.
6.	Outside Sun Shing Lau, Stanley	Registration number: LCSD S/33 <i>Erythrina variegata</i>	28 August 2008	Part of the tree trunk collapsed on 27 August 2008. As the remaining parts of the tree posed a hazard of collapsing, the tree was removed for public safety.
7.	San Po Kong Interchange	Registration number: LCSD WTS/1 <i>Erythrina variegata</i> (Note 1)	30 August 2008	The tree had been attacked by <i>Erythrina</i> Gall Wasp. It did not respond well to insecticide and its health condition deteriorated. As all the leaves had shed, the tree had no aesthetic value and posed a potential hazard of collapsing. After a thorough examination by members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed the tree to protect public safety.
8.	Kowloon Park	Registration number: LCSD YTM/71 <i>Albizia lebbbeck</i> (Note 1)	4 September 2008	The tree had seriously slanted towards the main path for many years. After the passage of recent typhoons, root plate movement and cracked barks at tree base were observed. The tree posed a hazard of collapsing. After a thorough examination by members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed it to protect public safety.

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9.	Shek Kip Mei Park	Registration No.: LCSD SSP/13 Albizia lebbbeck (Note 1)	22 September 2008	The tree was on a slope next to the car park of Shek Kip Mei Park (Phase 3). Two major branches were torn off by wind during the last two typhoons and the main trunk and tree base also suffered damages. The LCSD had tried to use cables to stabilise it and closely monitored its condition. After a thorough inspection by the LCSD staff, overseas experts and members of the tree expert group, it was observed that the main trunk of the tree was leaning towards the car park. The tree base showed signs of movement. The roots and tree base appeared to be torn, posing danger to the public. The LCSD removed the tree for public safety.
10.	Castle Peak Road - Kwu Tung Section	Registration No.: LCSD N/52 Melaleuca quinquenervia	24 September 2008	The tree was blown over during Typhoon "Hagupit" to a state beyond recovery and was subsequently removed.
11.	Kowloon Park	Registration No.: LCSD YTM/75 Ficus microcarpa	24 September 2008	The tree was blown over during Typhoon "Hagupit" to a state beyond recovery and was subsequently removed.
12.	Castle Peak Road – Kwu Tung Section	Registration No.: LCSD N/48 Melaleuca quinquenervia (Note 1)	6 October 2008	The tree was located in the middle of the busy Castle Peak Road and Fanling Highway. Its trunk and trunk bottom extended to Castle Peak Road and its roots were often run over and damaged by heavy vehicles. The growth of the tree was also subject to many environmental constraints. After the recent passage of Typhoon "Hagupit" on 24 September 2008, significant wounds and trunk splits of about 2 metres from the tree base were observed. The overall health condition of the tree was deteriorating. Due to site constraint, installation of bracing or

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				propping could not be made to stabilise the tree. After careful deliberation, overseas experts and members of the tree expert group agreed that it had a high risk of collapse and posed imminent danger to the public due to its location in the middle of a busy highway. The LCSD removed the tree for public safety.
13.	Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	Registration No.: LCSD CW/45 Ficus lyrata (Note 1)	9 October 2008	The tree was under the attack of wood borers. It did not respond well to the insecticides applied. Its health condition had been deteriorating and the tree was dying gradually. It was located next to a pedestrian pathway and hence posed a potential danger to the public. After a thorough study by overseas experts and members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed the tree to protect public safety.
14.	Victoria Park	Registration No.: LCSD E/37 Gleditsia fera (Note 1)	9 October 2008	The tree suffered from abnormal defoliation and had almost withered despite treatment. Its health condition had been deteriorating and the tree was dying gradually. It was located next to a major pathway within the park and hence posed a potential danger to the public. After a thorough study by overseas experts and members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed the tree to protect public safety.
15.	Lei Yue Mun Park near the Orchid House	Registration number: LCSD E/6 Celtis sinensis (Note 1)	10 October 2008	The tree defoliated abnormally and slime flux was detected on the main trunk. The trunk had also been attacked by fungi. Despite different targeted treatments, the tree gradually withered and posed a potential danger to park visitors. After a thorough examination by overseas experts and members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed the tree to protect public safety.

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16.	South Bay Beach	Registration No.: LCSD S/19 Albizia lebeck (Note 1)	10 October 2008	The tree had a cavity near the bottom of the main trunk. The cavity increased in size over the years. The main branch connected to the cavity showed signs of serious internal decay. The hollow branch was so fragile that it posed a potential risk of collapsing. The tree was located on a slope near the road, making it not feasible to install extra support to stabilise the tree. After a thorough examination, overseas experts and members of the tree expert group agreed that it posed imminent danger to the public. The LCSD subsequently removed the tree to protect public safety.
17.	Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	Registration No.: LCSD CW/70 Araucaria heterophylla (Note 1)	12 October 2008	The trunk of the tree was seriously damaged by pest. There was no sign of improvement after application of insecticide and cleaning up treatment. The tree had potential danger of collapsing as decay worsened. Due to site constraints, it was not feasible to install extra support to stabilise the tree. After a thorough examination by overseas experts and members of the tree expert group, the LCSD removed the tree to protect public safety.

Note 1: Trees on the Register of Old and Valuable Trees that were removed after LCSD's inspection following the accident in Stanley.