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Mr. Conrad T. C. WONG, JP  
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Dear Mr Wong,

### Proper Tree Preservation at Construction Sites

With the establishment of the Tree Management Office (TMO) in Development Bureau in March 2010, we have been promoting good practices in respect of tree preservation in construction sites through the dissemination of guidelines and fact sheets, and organization of training sessions to all relevant departments, professionals, contractors and stakeholders. For the construction sites in private sectors, we would like to solicit your assistance to draw the attention of your members to the various tree related guidelines and best practices in reinforcing effective site supervision of tree protection and raising the awareness of your members of the best practices and guidelines that have been promulgated by TMO. I am pleased to enclose copies of the pictorial guides and fact sheets for your easy reference. They are also available for download from the Care for Our Trees website at [www.trees.gov.hk](http://www.trees.gov.hk).



As a good practice, tree protection zones (i.e. the area around a tree as delineated by the drip line) should be properly fenced off by robust fencing throughout the construction period to safeguard the trees from adverse impact of works such as trenching, stockpiling, mechanical damage by machines, soil compaction, grade changes, etc. Besides, the health and condition of trees preserved within a construction site should be monitored on a regular basis. Construction damage in particular to the root zone of the trees would weaken the health and structure of the tree and may lead to tree failure as a result.

Success of proper tree preservation relies on the knowledge and awareness of proper tree preservations of all levels of project team members and contractors, including managerial, supervisory and frontline staff.

Thank you for your kind assistance in promoting the awareness of your members on tree protection and preservation at construction sites. I look forward to having further chances to discuss and exchange ideas with you in how to enhance good practices leading to proper tree protection and preservation at the construction sites. A seminar on 'Proper Tree Management' will be arranged by our Office on 17 September 2010. You and your members are cordially invited to attend. The invitation will be sent to you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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