

Design Competition on Green Link in Wong Chuk Hang

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JURY REPORT

The Jury Panel conducted the adjudication on 18 December 2021.

The Jury Panel selected the Winning Entries and Commendation Entries as following:-

First Prize

Confidential Registration No.: 504075 Team Leader: LIU XIAO RAN

Second Prize

Confidential Registration No.: 316184 Team Leader: CHAU LOK KAN

Third Prize

Confidential Registration No.: 367941 Team Leader: LUI SHEUNG CHING

Commendation Entries

(1) Confidential Registration No.: 561059 Team Leader: MA VICKIE KA KI

(2) Confidential Registration No.: 780213 Team Leader: TSUI WING FAI TONY

(3) Confidential Registration No.: 888876 Team Leader: BENJAMIN JAMES MACLEOD

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The Competition aims to collect innovative design ideas and concepts for creating a Green Link from MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station to Aberdeen Country Park.

The new design should adopt a place-making approach to help turning the Wong Chuk Hang area into a more vibrant and better place for people to work, live, explore new ideas and have fun. More specifically, the design should fulfill the following objectives:

- to improve connectivity between urban and nature, with an aim to linking up new developments/redevelopments in the Wong Chuk Hang area and Aberdeen Country Park through a Green Link;
- to enhance the pedestrian environment and walkability by improving and extending existing sitting-out areas along the Green Link through a place-making approach; and
- to attract more people to enjoy the Aberdeen Country Park with enhanced accessibility from MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station to Aberdeen Nature Trail within Aberdeen Country Park to promote healthy living.

The Competition received a total of 33 valid entries. The Jury Panel is impressed by the many innovative, creative, yet practicable design proposals. After thorough discussion, the Jury Panel decided the result of the Competition as follows:-

First Prize – 504075 (Team Leader: LIU XIAO RAN)

Entry Title: *not provided*

- Design of simplicity, and highly implementable.
- Good connectivity of various elements on the “link” through color-combinations and landscape features.

- Providing comfortable hiking route without major changes of the current natural vegetation, slopes, landscapes.
- Can be further developed with addition of more greenery, more spaces for leisure and casual gathering, and putting in art installations.
- Incorporation of appropriate thematic lighting can further improve this scheme.

Second Prize – 316184 (Team Leader: CHAU LOK KAN)
Entry Title: Multi-Purpose Lightscape

- The lighting effect is unexpected, offering a “wow” effect, and thus fulfilling place making objective.
- However, it is uncertain about the effect in daytime, which the Green Link will mostly be used.
- The effect being quite dark, dry, and cool. The place can be made more welcoming if more colours are used.
- A very smart idea using light to change the ethos of the whole space; highly visibility and stylish.
- Quite a clean and simple design. The designer is quite mature in detailing the design.
- There is a holistic design of the several sites along the Green Link by using lighting to emphasis connectivity.
- Design for Site 5 has not been shown with any detail.
- Smart ways to manage and maintain the movable chairs to be worked out. The idea is innovative as the chairs provide flexibility for people to make various use, thus adding liveliness of the space.

Third Prize – 367941 (Team Leader: LUI SHEUNG CHING)
Entry Title: Green Emergence

- Good in putting essential focus on “greening”; bringing country park or vegetation to the city.
- Simple design language and good graphic.
- Though the area not that big, the design has incorporated lawn areas which can be quite popular for visitors.

Merit Entry – 561059 (Team Leader: MA VICKIE KA KI)
Entry Title: Tangramatic Green-Link 七巧綠線在南區

- Interesting modular concept and shapes to give contrast.
- Good constructability using modular design.

- Over-design of new structures, and not certain about the form.
- Good in having innovative idea on renewal energy and technology.
- The creation of shading structure is appropriate for Hong Kong climate.
- Create shaded space for office workers to have lunch or recess.
- The non-conventional material used for the raised platform in Site 5 may pose concerns for maintenance.

Merit Entry – 780213 (Team Leader: TSUI WING FAI TONY)

Entry Title: 竹 • 連

- The theme of “bamboo” and using yellow bamboo in different ways in the design good in coping with the district’s name, but it may be too literal and a bit over-designed.
- The designer’s effort in place making is appreciated.
- The design is visually attractive and inventive.
- Lacking shaded areas for the use of workers in the district or visitors.

Merit Entry – 888876 (Team Leader: BENJAMIN JAMES MACLEOD)

Entry Title: Wong Chuk Commons

- The literal theme of “yellow bamboo” (Wong Chuk) is a good idea.
- Simple design, cope with the landscape.
- Quite implementable.

The Jury Panel would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the vision of the Co-organizers, the support from the Supporting Organizations, as well as the tireless efforts of the members of the Organizing Committee and Technical Committee for bringing the Competition to fruition.

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