

Reply to Enquiries of Design Competition for Transformation of Sensory Garden at Kwun Tung Promenade

Q.1	Could government officers join this competition?
	There is no limitation for government officers to participate in this competition. Participants are advised to seek the consent from their supervisors. Clause 4.9 of the Competition Document should also be observed.
Q.2	Any height limit on the installations design.
	Participants are reminded to observe Clause 2.2.3 on the requirement of 2m minimum clearance from soffit and around the columns and abutments of the Kwun Tong Bypass for inspection and maintenance works, and. According the Engineering Conditions of the site on height restriction, no part of any structure shall exceed 10.5m above the mean formation level of the land on which it stands.
Q.3	You have mentioned damages to the current installations. Just wondering if there is any security issues that we should be aware of or be mindful for the design.
	The current Sensory Garden opens 24 hours daily and there is no particular security measure in this area. The damages to the current installations are the result of wear and tear as expected.
Q.4	Do student groups have to consider the budget mentioned in their entries?
	Under Clause 4.13.2 “cost effectiveness and budget” is not part of the judging criteria for Student Group.
Q.5	Is there any problem if water feature is introduced?
	There is no limitation on introducing small size water feature which does not need to be supported by any water filtration system as long as it is within budget.
Q.6	Is movable installation allowed?
	There is no limitation on movable installation as long as the proposed structures will not pose danger to the garden users. Practicality on design, safety and maintenance issues should be considered.

Q.7	Can the Kwun Tong Bypass be part of the design? like painting on it?
	<p>There is no limitation on applying painting on the Kwun Tong Bypass. Any proposed installation should maintain a minimum clearance of 2m from the highway structure under Clause 2.2.3.</p> <p>According to the Engineering Conditions of the site on protection of highways structures, please take the following into consideration if the Kwun Tong Bypass is included as part of the design:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 2m clearance from soffit and around columns and abutments should generally be made available for inspection and maintenance works at all times. 2. The foundations of any installation shall not interfere with or be founded on the flyover/footbridge foundations 3. No plant, equipment or attachment such as lighting, poster and commercial display shall be fixed to flyover/footbridge and its supporting structures including columns unless the prior approval of the Chief Highway Engineer/ Kowloon has been given 4. Fire resistant materials should be used. 5. No drainage from any permitted structure shall be allowed to be discharged to the drainage system of the flyover/footbridges
Q.8	Can we dig under and design some sort of sunken space? If so, how deep is the limit?
	There is no limitation on the provision of sunken space but if such area is made accessible to the public, universal accessibility should be considered. Constructability and practicality of proposal should also be taken into consideration.
Q.9	Can we use video in explaining the design concept?
	Under Clause 3.6.1, presentation media other than those listed in Clauses 3.4 and 3.5 will not be accepted.
Q.10	How about lighting issues? Any limitation especially at night?
	There is no limitation on lighting design, but the avoidance of lighting pollution should be considered.
Q.11	So it has to be designed with 24 hours access?
	The Kwun Tong Promenade is opened 24 hours daily.

Q.12	Any underground utilities (uu) underneath?
	Please refer to the attached as-built drainage and electrical layout plans for reference, drawing no: BS/7912/DSD/SD009b – SD010b and KG136/BS/7912/EE207-EE208
Q.13	In the first few slides of the second part, the shading of competition area cover part of the existing planter, is it true that only a part of the planter can be modified?
	The competition site only covers a portion of the planting area. Only part of the planting area is within the competition boundary. Participants should note Clause 2.2.2 that no tree felling or transplanting for tree with trunk diameter of 95mm or more at a height of 1.3m above ground level.
Q.14	Are we allowed to attach the installation to the bypass?
	Please refer to replies on Q.2 and Q.7.
Q.15	Can the existing planter area be made accessible to the public or just for enjoyment?
	The idea of making the planting area accessible to the public is welcomed to evoke the senses of touch, smell and vision. Shrubs of different colours and types could also be considered. Consideration should be made on the interface treatment of the planting areas within and outside the competition boundary.
Q.16	What is the frequency of mobility that should be incorporated in terms of logistics and management of the proposal? How often would the structure be moved?
	The structure is not supposed to be moved.
Q.17	Is it necessary to propose the choice of plants used in the landscape design if there is no landscape architects in my team?
	There is no mandatory requirement for proposal on the choice of plants.

Q.18	I would like ask how many people can be in one group?
	Under Clause 4.8.1, each participant must comprise two to six members for Professional Group. For Student Group, both individual entries and team entries are permitted; for team entries, it can comprise not more than six members.
Q.19	Do we need to consider BFA within the design area?
	Barrier free access should be considered. Under Clause 1.2.6, it is one of the objectives that an inclusive and universal approach shall be applied to the transformed garden for enjoyment by diversified users.
Q.20	Regarding the competition boundary, we noticed that it is much smaller than the sensory garden itself. However, for us to put in some innovative ideas we may need to transform the whole sensory garden, including the children play area and the roadside planters. Would it be acceptable for the competition committee if our design covers the whole sensory garden area, instead of limiting within the competition zone?
	Only part of the sensory garden delineated in the competition brief is within the competition boundary due to budget consideration. For the purpose of this competition, only the design proposal within the competition area will be considered during adjudication. If the design of the winning team covers the area beyond the competition area, the portion that outside the competition area may be implemented in future separately when opportunities arise. However, the design within the competition area shall be self-contained even without the ideas outside the competition area being implemented.
Q.21	Current site boundary overlap with some existing planters, can the design superimpose/change some of the existing planters' location/shapes?
	There is no technical limitation to modify some of the existing planters if the modification has already taken the budget limitation into consideration. Participants are reminded to observe Clause 2.2.2 on existing trees and soft landscaping area, which requires the overall provision of the greenery area should be equivalent to the existing provision within the site.
Q.22	Understanding from the brief, there is a 2m clear zone between the flyover structure and proposed design, is this imply to the same as underneath of the flyover?
	Refer to our answer to Q.2 and Q.7.

Q.23	Is there any record/links of the previous webinar competition briefing session competition that can still share?
	<p>The presentation material of the Briefing Session can be downloaded from the “Online Briefing Materials” tab of the competition website.</p> <p>https://www.hkia.net/en/competition/sensorygardencompetition/index.html</p>
Q.24	<p>I am / My team member is an employee of one of the jurors, yet we are NOT immediate family members AND we are NOT concerned with the preparation or the organization of the Competition.</p> <p>Yet, as an employee, are we falling into the above category, i.e. associate of a member involved in this Competition listed in Annex 4 that we would need to declare the conflict of interest?</p>
	<p>Under Clause 4.9 of the Competition Document, there is no limitation on jurors’ employees to participate in this Competition. To avoid conflict of interest, the content of submission should not be exposed to nor discussed with the concerned employer.</p> <p>Under Clause 5.3, any participant who is a business partner or associate of any member involved in this Competition listed in Annex 4 should make declaration in 2(b) of Section 5, Annex 1.</p>