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By E-MAIL only

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Green groups jointly express concerns on the proposed “Peace Garden Foundation Ceremony” at Pak Lap

We refer to the recent information from various social media platforms regarding a “Peace Garden Foundation Ceremony” which will be held at Pak Lap on 21 September 2017 by your organization. We also noticed that there had been a recent sand-filling activity at the Pak Lap enclave. We wonder whether the sand-filling work at Pak Lap was related to the “Peace Garden Foundation Ceremony”. We would like to draw your attention that Pak Lap is an ecological important site surrounded by the Sai Kung East Country Park. In particular, the seasonally wet grassland is of high ecological value because of the presence of the Water Ferns *Ceratopteris thalictroides* (“Vulnerable” in China & under Class II State Protection). The sand-filling work has already damaged the seasonally wet grassland and affected the associated wildlife including the Water Fern. **Therefore, if your organization plans to use the sand-filled area for the “Peace Garden Foundation Ceremony”, we urge your organization to find an alternative and appropriate site for the ceremony and the “Peace Garden”, and restore the sand-filled area back to the wet grassland habitat. We will also keep following up this issue with relevant government departments.**

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,



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