

## Code of Ethics and Conduct of Accredited Arborists Listed Under The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects

The object of this Code is to promote the standard of conduct and self-discipline required by **HKILA Accredited Arborists** (AA (HKILA)s) listed under the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA). The establishment of the Accreditation List is for the advancement of the arboricultural practice as well as the promotion of research and education therein; and the maintenance of a high standard of qualification. Members of the Accredited List shall conduct themselves in such a manner as will not prejudice these objectives.

### Code of Ethics

1. An AA (HKILA) appointed shall uphold the integrity of arboricultural practice
2. An AA (HKILA) shall strive for increasing an objective knowledge of trees and of arboriculture in all their context and apply this knowledge to the benefit of society
3. An AA (HKILA) shall endeavour to promote public understanding of trees and arboriculture
4. An AA (HKILA) shall practise with due regard to sound ecological, social, economic and environmental principles to the advantage of present and future generations
5. An AA (HKILA) shall perform only those services that are within his/ her competence

### Code of Conduct

1. An AA (HKILA) shall observe with all applicable laws, regulations, government standards and guidelines
2. An AA (HKILA) shall not voluntarily disclose any confidential information
3. An AA (HKILA) shall not be engaged by, have an interest in, or accept remuneration from any other business or person which may give rise to any conflict with the interests of the AA (HKILA)'s relevant client or employer, unless a prior written permission is obtained from that client or employer

4. An AA (HKILA) shall inform his/ her client or employer in advance of any other interest the AA (HKILA) may have in any activities undertaken on behalf of the client or employer
5. An AA (HKILA) shall act impartially in all cases in which he/ she is acting between parties
6. An AA (HKILA) shall not by unfair, unethical, or unprofessional means, do anything that could harm the business, prospect, or reputation of a member of the HKILA or a fellow AA (HKILA)
7. A member shall not knowingly investigate the professional competence of any member of the HKILA or a fellow AA (HKILA), without the knowledge of that member or AA (HKILA)
8. An AA (HKILA) shall ensure that advertisements and other public announcements placed or made by the member are fair and accurate and are not such as could reasonably be seen to bring the HKILA into disrepute
9. Advertisements and other public announcements provided by an AA (HKILA) shall not contain any material comparing the services offered or provided by other members of the HKILA or by other AA (HKILA)s
10. AA (HKILA)s on being approached to proceed with services on which to their knowledge another member of the HKILA or another fellow AA (HKILA) is employed shall notify the fact to that member or AA (HKILA)

This Code of Ethics and Conduct may be amended by Council of the HKILA by its appropriate action at any of its meetings or by mail ballot. A proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote of the Council to become effective. Chairperson of the Panel on Accredited Arborists or a member of the Council may propose an amendment at any meeting of the Council or may submit it in writing to the Secretary of the HKILA, provided that the proposal has been seconded in writing by another member of the Council.