

Smallholder



Complete any one of the following among (A) to (C):

(A)

1. Be familiar with the agricultural industry in Hong Kong, particularly focusing on the surroundings of the living area.
2. Understand the structure of the farm you are living at or have selected, the daily and seasonal work at the farm, especially raising livestock, crop planting, land cultivation and machinery used in the farm, etc.
3. Discuss with the assessor the recent changes in the agricultural industry of your area and the reasons behind, particularly about cultivating or giving up on specific types of crops or livestock.
4. Show twelve photographs taken at the farm (simple snapshots are enough), including at least eight different kinds of work needed to be done at various seasons throughout the year followed by brief descriptions.

(B)

1. Cultivate an outdoor area of at least 17 m² for a year, and successfully cultivate three kinds of hardy annual flowers, three kinds of vegetables and two kinds each for bulbs, herbaceous plants and flowering shrubs or roses during this period. Or as an alternative, cultivate eight kinds of vegetables.
2. Discuss with the assessor the work done during the year and the results achieved.

Note: The assessor should visit the farmland at least four times during the year.

(C)

Keep any of the following animals for a year:

1. If the animal is a small animal such as a dog, cat, rabbit, mouse or tortoise etc., know its breeding habits and how the animal should be fed, housed, exercised and trained.
2. If the animal is a farm animal such as a cow, goat, pig or sheep, know its breeding habits and economic use, and how the animal should be fed and housed. Show how to care for the animal, for example: milking the cow.
3. If the animal is a bird:
 - (a) caged bird – general management.
 - (b) domestic bird (such as hen, duck, goose, pigeon, quail) – general management and know their usage, raising purpose and how to take care of them.

Note: This item is outdated and currently under revision.

4. If the animals are bees:
 - (a) keep and manage a beehive for a year. Know its usage and show some of the products.
5. If the animals are fish:
 - (a) set up and keep an aquarium containing a proper balance of fish and aquatic plants (should keep at least three fish).
 - (b) Discuss with the assessor the keeping of the aquarium throughout the year, particularly the results achieved.

Note: An assessor should be assigned at the beginning of the year.



Completion of this Badge by choosing either (B) or (C) would be counted as an equivalent of relevant item under Skills Section of the Hong Kong Award for Young People Bronze Award.

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