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MAKE LINKS AND CONNECTIONS • EVERYTHING CYCLES • USE LOCAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES • INCREASE YIELD •

## “Permaculture Design Certificate” Course 2010

Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, Hong Kong

*“Care of Earth      Care of People      Return of Surplus”*

The Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course is an internationally-recognised, seventy-two hour course. It provides an introduction to permaculture design as set forth by the founder of the permaculture movement Bill Mollison. This course will be taught by Geoff and Nadia Lawton, and other permaculture certificate holders of Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) in Hong Kong from 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.

The PDC course serves as a foundation for further permaculture work and study, and, is a pre-requisite for the Diploma in Permaculture Design, offered through The Permaculture Institute. To date, thousands of permaculture designers worldwide have been certified through this course, and now comprise a global network of educators, ecological activists who influence major corporations, individuals creating new business alternatives and groups of committed people working together to change the way we view and design our landscapes.

The course covers sustainable living systems for a wide variety of landscapes and climates. It includes the application of permaculture principles to food production, home design, construction, energy conservation and generation, and, explores alternative economic structures and legal strategies supporting permaculture solutions.

Specific topics include:

- Theory and principles of permaculture
- Eco-friendly house placement and design
- Energy conservation techniques for all climates with specific focus on arid hot regions
- Recycling and sustainable waste management
- Organic food production
- Water harvesting and management
- Ecological pest control
- Drought-proofing landscapes
- Soil rehabilitation and soil erosion control
- Livestock
- Aquaculture
- Catastrophe preparedness and prevention
- Windbreaks and fire control

The foundation for this course is the Permaculture Designer's Manual by Bill Mollison. Participants are invited to bring details of their own sites or potential sites to consider during the course.

PERMACULTURE: Creating sustainable human habitats by following nature's patterns

BUILD IN MULTIPLE BACK UP AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS • UNDERSTAND AND UTILISE NATURAL ENERGIES • OBSERVATION IS THE KEY!

## Course Instructors

Geoff Lawton is an internationally-renowned permaculture educator, consultant and practitioner. He emigrated from England to Australia and later studied permaculture with Bill Mollison in Tasmania. In 1997, he established the Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) at Tagari Farm in New South Wales, Australia, a 147-acre farmstead previously developed by Mollison. PRI was eventually moved to Zaytuna Farm, in The Channon, New South Wales, where it continues today.



Since 1985, Geoff has designed and implemented permaculture projects in 30 countries for private individuals and groups, communities, governments, aid organisations and multinational corporations. He has taught the Permaculture Design Certificate course and designed permaculture projects in 30 countries.

Nadia Lawton was born and raised in the Jordan Valley, in one of the lowest and driest places on earth. She completed her PDC with Geoff Lawton in Jordan and went on to complete a Permaculture Diploma in Education and Site Design. She regularly travels with her husband for aid projects and permaculture consulting work, and assists in teaching permaculture design courses internationally.

In recent years, Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) has been integrating permaculture design concepts in its sustainable agriculture and sustainable living programmes. During the PDC course, KFBG Senior Sustainable Agriculture Officer Yip Tsz Lam and other local permaculture certificate holders will arrange field visits and demonstrations showing the applications of permaculture in Hong Kong.

(Photo credit: Craig Mackintosh)

## Course Details:

Date	14 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> December, 2010 (except Sundays: 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2010)	
Venue	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2010	Kadoorie Institute, Shek Kong Centre, The University of Hong Kong, Shek Kong, New Territories <a href="http://www.hku.hk/kisk/indexin.htm">www.hku.hk/kisk/indexin.htm</a>
	20 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> December, 2010	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon <a href="http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/index.php">www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/index.php</a>
Time	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	
Language	The PDC course will be taught in English with Cantonese translation	
Course Fees	HK\$6,800*	
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Accommodation in dormitories at Kadoorie Institute - Shek Kong Centre can be arranged for course participants for the period from 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.</li><li>● The costs for 5-nights of accommodation is HK\$800 per person (including breakfast and dinner).</li></ul>	
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The course fee covers the cost of lunch for the period from 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.</li><li>● For the period from 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, participants will have to make their own arrangements for meals.</li></ul>	

\* The following categories of applicants can apply for and seek up to a 70% discount of the course fees if he/she is:

1. A full-time farmer and/or full-time employee of a registered agricultural association or charitable organisation.
2. Committed to attend the course with 100% full attendance – an applicant who is an employee of a registered agricultural association or charitable organisation will have to submit a letter of recommendation from the employer to release him/her for the complete duration of the course.
3. Applicants entitled to a discount will have to pay the full rate to register for the course and the discounted sum will be refunded upon completion of the course with a record of full attendance.

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### Application:

Please send completed application form by post, together with a cheque of HK\$6,800 (made payable to "Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corporation").

Address: **Sustainable Living and Agriculture Department, Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden,  
Lam Kam Road, Tai Po, Hong Kong (c/o PDC)**

For overseas applicants, application should be made by email to [sla@kfbg.org](mailto:sla@kfbg.org) and advance payment will have to be settled by tele-transfer to the following bank account:

- Account Name: Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corporation
- Account No: 511-316689-001
- Bank Name: Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
- Bank Address: 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
- Swift Code: HSBC HK HHHH KH

**Deadline for application: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010; applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.**

For enquiries, please contact Miss Kwok at - Tel: (852) 2483 7161; Email: [sla@kfbg.org](mailto:sla@kfbg.org)

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### Organiser:

#### Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden

Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) spreads over 148 hectares of land and is located on the northern slopes and foothills of Hong Kong's highest mountain - Tai Mo Shan. Its deep-set valley has streams, woodlands and vegetable terraces - together with conservation and education facilities.

The Farm was established in 1956 to provide agricultural aid to farmers in need of support to help them lead independent lives. Today, reflecting the changing times, KFBG plays an active role in promoting the conservation of biodiversity in Hong Kong and South China, allied with sustainable agriculture and creative nature education.

For more information about KFBG, please visit our website: [www.kfbg.org](http://www.kfbg.org)

### Co-Organisers:



THE HONG KONG  
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香港理工大學

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應用社會科學系

Centre for Social Policy Studies 社會政策研究中心

Permaculture Institute (Hong Kong) Limited



**To : Sustainable Living & Agriculture Department, KFBG**

**Application Form for “Permaculture Design Certificate” Course**

<b>Name :</b>		<b>Sex :</b>		<b>Age :</b>	
<b>Occupation / Association :</b>					
<b>Address :</b>					
<b>Email :</b>		<b>Tel :</b>		<b>Fax :</b>	
<b>Education :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> University or above					
<b>Accommodation for 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (HK\$800)* <input type="checkbox"/> No					
* Please include accommodation charge of HK\$800 in your payment (total HK\$7,600) and settle by cheque or tele-transfer.					
<b>Are you applying for a discount?*</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please attach a recommendation letter issued by your employer supporting your participation and committing to full attendance for the duration of the PDC course*)					
<input type="checkbox"/> No					

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**Reservation of Car Parking space (for 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 only):**

Vehicle number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Preference (for 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010):**

☐ Vegetarian       ☐ No preference       ☐ Others: \_\_\_\_\_