Funda of Tra Durah	 Date: 26 November 2012 (Monday) Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Topic: Andy Lipkis and the TreePeople: A Message of Sustainability for Hong Kong Venue: Conference Room, Universities Service Centre for China Studies, 8/F, Tin Ka Ping Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong Campus Tree Walk and Exhibition Tour (optional) Led by the CU Tree Project Team after the talk Time: 3:30 pm to 4:15 p.m.
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Andy Lipkis, Founder and President of TreePeople and a pioneer in citizen forestry movement in the US, will be giving a talk at The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 26 November 2012. After the talk there will be a guided tour to the Exhibition on the Science and Art of Trees of CUHK and a campus tree walk offered by the CU Tree Project Team.

Andy Lipkis is a practical visionary who has dedicated his life to healing the environment while improving the lives of individuals and communities. He began planting trees to rehabilitate smog and fire damaged areas when he was 15 years old. In 1973 at age 18, he founded the TreePeople in Los Angeles and has served as its President ever since. Now one of California's largest independent environmental organizations, TreePeople is a global leader in adapting cities for sustainable living. The time-tested programs of TreePeople blend the science of urban forestry with an understanding of human behavior, inspiring and empowering people to take personal responsibility to ensure a sustainable future.

TreePeople's efforts have so far resulted in the planting of over two million trees in forests, urban neighborhoods and school campuses. Over two million children have participated in its award-winning education programs. TreePeople has received numerous honors and awards including recognition by the United Nations World Forestry Organization in 2003 for its work as a global model for other large cities. The book *The Simple Act of Planting a Tree: Healing Your Neighborhood, Your City and Your World*, co-authored by Andy and Katie Lipkis and published in 1990, has been considered to be the classic reference book for community tree planters. Andy has also appeared in numerous TV programs, such as the Emmy award- winning series, "How Does Your Garden Grow," the PBS series "Edens Lost and Found," as well as films including Leonardo di Caprio's The 11th Hour, and Dirt! The Movie.

For details of Andy's background and achievements, please go to http://www.treepeople.org/andy-lipkis-founder-and-president For details of the mobile app of "CU Trees", please go to <u>https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/zhong-da-shu-trees-of-cuhk/id537996980</u> All are welcome. No registration is required. Maximum capacity 30. First come first served.

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