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2023 “BEA Upcycles” Returns in September

Offering Fun Upcycling Experience through Free Games and Workshops

Hong Kong, 29th August, 2023 – There are many creative ways to extend the lifespan of everyday items to reduce waste. Did you know that wooden materials, old umbrellas, shoelaces, milk cartons and plastic bottles can be upcycled into fun toys and accessories?

The second “BEA Upcycles” offers a series of fun upcycling experiences under the theme of “Play” for the general public at G/F, Cityplaza North from 8th September (Friday) to 17th September (Sunday). Activities include an art exhibition, games, charity sales and creative workshops.

Art Exhibition, Games and Charity Sale

Organised by St. James’ Settlement and sponsored by The Bank of East Asia’s charitable arm, The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation, “BEA Upcycles” aims to promote environmental protection. This year, visitors can marvel at the pinwheel art installation co-created by local upcycling designer Alize Lam, persons with disabilities and BEA volunteers, and explore the potential of upcycling through other exhibits and fun games such as “Upcycled Wooden Puff Billiards” and “Upcycled Wooden Maze Game” that were crafted by our volunteers. There will also be a charity sale of products like upcycled fabric lantern DIY kits and wooden stacking tumbling towers produced by persons with disabilities.

Free Creative Workshops

A range of creative workshops will be held over the weekends. They include “Upcycled Bottle Vehicle”, “Upcycled Lantern”, “Upcycled Key Chain”, “DIY Paper Puppet”, “DIY Shadow Play Box” and “Upcycled Wood Zentangle Coaster”. Participants will learn some green tips while repurposing materials to create unique handicrafts. All workshops are free of charge and suitable for persons aged 9 and above. Interested parties should complete the online registration form ([link](#)). Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details, please visit the St. James’ Settlement Jockey Club Upcycling Centre’s [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



2023 “BEA Upcycles” Event Details

Date: 8th September (Friday) to 17th September (Sunday), 2023

Time: 10:30 am – 8:30 pm

Venue: G/F, Cityplaza North (Near Starbucks)

2023 “BEA Upcycles” Workshops

	<p>Upcycled Bottle Vehicle</p> <p>How far can it go? Let's bring back childhood memories and bring out your children's creative side by turning plastic bottles or milk cartons into unique and cute toy cars.</p>
	<p>Upcycled Lantern</p> <p>Prepare for the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival by joining this workshop to repurpose umbrella fabric and wood into lanterns. These eco-friendly and attractive lanterns are also great as decoration, bringing light and colour into the home.</p>
	<p>Upcycled Key Chain</p> <p>Bring these adorable animal keychains home! Participants will learn to upcycle leather scraps into personalised key chains, which are not only environmentally friendly but also practical.</p>
	<p>DIY Paper Puppet</p> <p>Using commonly available materials and a dash of creativity, participants will create different styles of articulated dolls.</p>
	<p>DIY Shadow Play Box</p> <p>Participants can stage plays at home with the shadow theatre they create at this workshop by reusing cardboard and wooden sticks.</p>
	<p>Upcycled Wood Zentangle Coaster</p> <p>Participants will upcycle wooden wine crates and turn them into coasters. Decorated with Zentangle patterns, they are beautiful and practical.</p>

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About The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation

Throughout its history spanning over 100 years, BEA has supported a wide range of charitable programmes and events in the communities it serves. In 2009, the Bank established The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation (“BEA Foundation”) in support of education and to help alleviate the burdens of underprivileged members of society. For more information on BEA’s CSR efforts, please visit the Bank’s homepage at www.hkbea.com (About BEA / Sustainability / Contributing to Our Community).

About St. James’ Settlement Jockey Club Upcycling Centre

St. James’ Settlement Jockey Club Upcycling Centre aims at promoting environmental protection and eco-lifestyle by creating upcycling products through encouraging corporations and organizations to donate used or leftover materials. Local designers are invited to make use of those wastes for designing new products and getting persons with disabilities to involve in producing upcycled products. The Centre also arouses public awareness of green living through upcycling workshops, exhibitions and other events and activities

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Local upcycling designer Alize Lam (front right) led persons with disabilities and BEA volunteers to create a colourful pinwheel art installation using recycled wood.



Persons with disabilities and BEA volunteers applied their creativity to transform recycled materials into exhibits and toys.