

## Corporate Membership Subscription Form (\*Valid till 31 Oct 2020)

 Office use only:
 

We support the objectives of The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society and wish to become a member.

### Applicant's Details:

Name of Corporate/Organization: _____		Membership No.: _____
Address: _____		
Contact Person: <i>Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Dr.</i> * _____		Position: _____
Tel. No.: _____	Fax No.: _____	Email: _____
Select Language: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (Membership notices and reminders will be distributed by <b>EMAIL</b> .) * The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) processes your personal data strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Act; and your data will be used by HKBWS and their service providers only for communications between you and HKBWS. If you do not like to receive any promotional materials from HKBWS, please tick the box <input type="checkbox"/>		

\*delete where not applicable

### Membership Subscription: (Please tick where appropriate.)

Type of Membership	Subscription Fees <sup>#</sup> in HK\$		Notes	Bulletin	HK Bird Report
	1 year	5 years		Chi & Eng Digital Version	English with some Chinese translation
Corporate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	C - Corporate entity or registered organization	✓	<input type="checkbox"/> Printed, or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital

Surcharge for subscription of both printed & digital HK Bird Report:  \$20/1yr  \$100/5yrs

Donation of HK\$100 or above is tax deductible

**Donation** to the Society: HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** to Asia Conservation Fund of HKBWS : HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I enclose Subscription plus Surcharge, if any, and Donation for a Total of HK\$ :** \_\_\_\_\_

- Remarks:**
1. Annual membership is valid from date of approval for one whole year.
  2. Personal data provided will be kept in strict confidence and will be used by the Society for administrative purposes only.
  3. By signing this form, the applicant or the parent/guardian of a child under 18 absolves the Society from any responsibility in case of accident or mishap in outings.

**Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Company Chop :** \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment methods :

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. <b>Cash</b> : in person to our Office. DO NOT send cash by post. Thousand dollar note NOT accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. <b>Direct Credit</b> : please enclose payment slip. Bank of China (HK) A/C no. 012-878-1-076439-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. <b>Cheque</b> drawn on a HK based bank payable to "THE HONG KONG BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY"	<input type="checkbox"/> 4. <b>eCheque</b> drawn on a HK based bank payable to "THE HONG KONG BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY" & send by email to: <a href="mailto:membership@hkbws.org.hk">membership@hkbws.org.hk</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. <b>Online payment by Credit Card or PayPal</b> via PayPal web-based payment system (PayPal a/c NOT required for credit card payment). Please send a payment request to my EMAIL at : _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. <b>Credit Card payment authorization</b> (Payment service via PayPal Virtual Terminal) : Type of Credit Card : <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> VISA HKBWS Membership fee+Donation+Surcharge, if any = Total HK\$ _____ Credit Card No.: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____ Card expiry date: _____ CSC Code** : <span style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">Upon request</span> Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: _____	

\*\*To secure safe use of credit card, our staff will contact the member later to obtain this CSC Code (the last three digits in the signature area on the back of your credit card).

The objective of HKBWS is to promote the study, appreciation and conservation of birds in Hong Kong. In addition, the Society also facilitates the exchange of experience and information related to birdwatching among members. Since birds are sensitive to human disturbance, special care is required when watching or taking photographs of birds, to avoid bringing disturbance to the birds or endangering their lives. The Society has drawn up the following *Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography* and requires that it be followed by members. It would provide a model of good practices in birdwatching and bird photography for the general public to follow.

### ***Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography***

#### **1. The Welfare of Birds Comes First**

Birdwatching and bird photography should be carried out with minimum interference to the birds. Disturbance must be avoided as far as possible.

- a. Stop if the birds appear disturbed, begin to move away or exhibit other abnormal reaction
- b. Exercise additional precautions when the activity is undertaken with a large group of people
- c. Do not attempt to influence the behaviour of birds, e.g. by flushing, chasing or baiting
- d. Use flash only sparingly
- e. Do not damage the natural environment

#### **2. Protect Sensitive Sites**

Sites such as nests, seabird colonies and the roost of rarities are particularly vulnerable. Take extra care to minimize disturbance.

- a. Keep a suitable distance to avoid stressing the birds
- b. Do not land on islands with breeding colonies
- c. Do not disturb nests and their surrounding vegetation, or the nest could be abandoned or become exposed to predators
- d. Share information about the sites with discretion and do not reveal it casually in public. Explain clearly to those who may not understand the Code, to avoid bringing disturbance to the site
- e. Beware that your actions may attract unwanted attention and hence disturbance to the site

#### **3. Report Disturbances**

If you find people disturbing or causing harm to birds, advise against the act when it is safe to do so. If they cannot be stopped, take photos and report to the AFCD as soon as possible. Post a report at the Society's online Forum.

#### **4. Respect Others**

- a. Share the fun – avoid disturbing other birdwatchers or photographers on site.
- b. Take care not to damage facilities or crops at the site.

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**I support the objectives of the Society. I have read the above *Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography* and promise to abide by it fully.**

**Stamp & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**