

Guidelines on photo-taking of tree conditions
in the process of Tree Risk Assessment

| Item* <i>(please see the notes)</i> | Photo records should cover the following:- |
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| (1) Overall tree profile and site condition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the tree inspection site and the tree group inspected; • Overall tree form and canopy; • Leave pattern/size with reference scale; • Foliage color; • Sign of leaning; • If the tree species cannot be identified on site, the inspection officer should take photos of the overall tree form, tree trunk, foliage, fruits and flower for seeking professional assistance after the site inspection. If possible, plant specimens should be collected for verification. |
| (2) Conditions of tree trunk and branches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any trunk or limb defects, such as large external cavities, extensive external sap flow, co-dominant stems, included bark or other weak attachments in the main trunk or branch(es), large cracks or splits; • Close-up photos of possible failure point(s), woundwood formation, any pruning cuts/wound, and sign/presence of pest or disease. |
| (3) Conditions of lower trunk and root | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stressful site conditions, including construction activities within the critical root zone and any other activities or restrictions that may damage the roots system and the overall structural stability of the tree; • Physical/human damage/disturbance to the root zone, root collar and root crown; • Close-up photos of exposed roots, root zone and the root collar. |

*Notes: Tree Group Assessment (Form 1), photos shall cover details in item (1)
Tree Risk Assessment (Form 2), photos shall cover details in items (1), (2) and (3)