

THE HONG KONG BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY LIMITED

Approved Charitable Institution of a Public Character

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2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Corporate Member)

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

Applicant information: Please write in **BLOCK** letters (*please delete where not applicable)

Name of Corporate/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Dr. * (_____)
Family Name Given Name (Chinese Name)

Title of Contact Person: _____ Tel.: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax No.: _____

Type of Membership	Subscription Fees in HK\$		Notes
	2011	2011 – 2015 (5 years)	
Corporate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$470	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,350	Company or corporate entity (Note 1)

Note 1: Not entitled to Annual Bird Report

Types of Bulletin	Please ✓ one		Please ✓ one	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Printed version <input type="checkbox"/> Digital version	<input type="checkbox"/> English version <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese version	<input type="checkbox"/> English & Chinese (Printed version surcharge: HK\$80 for 1 year, HK\$400 for 5 years) (Digital version surcharge: HK\$20 for 1 year, HK\$100 for 5 years)	
Other information	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to receive all other information, document and publication from HKBWS through email			

Donation to the Society: HK\$ _____ **Donation** to the Society's China Conservation Fund: HK\$ _____
(Donation of or above HK\$ 100 is tax deductible)

We enclose our **Subscription** plus surcharge and donation for a **Total of HK\$** _____ (please make cheque payable to "The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Ltd.)

Please note that:

- 1. The membership year begins on **1st January** and ends on **31st December** in any one year no matter when you join the society.
- 2. By signing this form, the applicant absolves the Society from any responsibility in the case of accident or mishap in outings.
- 3. Personal data provided will be kept in confidence and will be used by the Society for administrative purposes only.
- 4. DO NOT send cash through mail.

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You may also use credit card to pay the subscription but an extra **5%** has to be added to the total to cover **WWF Hong Kong's handling fee**. Please complete the form below and send it to the address in the letterhead above. (Postal address: 14/F., Ruby Commercial Building, 480 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong)

Application for Payment by Credit Card

Payment by credit card: American Express Diners Club Master Card VISA

Membership Subscription for The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Limited + Donation + 5% handling fee (for WWF Hong Kong):

HK\$ _____

Credit Card No.: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Card expiry date (**Valid for at least 3 months**): _____ Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____