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**Peach Blossom bloom at Wing
On Square in Spring.**

BRUSHING A POEM AT A SOUTHERN VILLA IN THE CAPITAL

(REMINISCENCE) --by Cui Hu

Last year to-day at this door way,
On face fair peach blossoms' pink stay'd.
Fair face now gone -- but where, please?
Peach blossoms, still, a-smiling in Spring breeze!

This was a heart touching story written by Cui Hu. One year in Ching Ming Festival, the poet Cui Hu went to the countryside and met a pretty girl who stood next to a peasant house. The girl's cheeks were especially beautiful because of the peach blossoms' reflection in the courtyard. After Cui Hu asked her for a bowl of water, he left her with great reluctance, and he could not forget the girl for a long time. The same period the following year, Cui Hu visited the peasant house again. However, the girl was gone and only the peach blossoms were still blooming. The

girl was depressed and died missing him. Cui Hu was extremely sad. A fairy was touched by their story and resurrected the girl from the dead and the lovers got married. Peach blossom has become a sign of love.

Peach blossom is originally from the central and northern part of China. It has a long history of cultivation and later spread to the surrounding areas of Asia. It was introduced from Persia to the West. The Latin name of peach blossom, *Persica*, refers to Persia.

In the ancient time, because the peach and plum blossoms are full of infinite vitality in spring, "peaches and plums are everywhere", referring to a great number of students or disciples.

The flower language of peach blossom is "to carry out one's great plan", "to bloom all over the world". It symbolizes spring, love and longevity.

Chili and Garlic Natural Spray insecticide-to get rid of pests



Fermented for three months



DIY - Bamboo Ladle

In order to get rid of the pests, we prepared chili and garlic natural spray insecticide, peeled and crushed garlic and ripe hot chili peppers, fermented in clean water in a glass jar, without oil. Chili and Garlic Natural Spray Solutions can be easily turned into a safe and low cost pesticide.

Spring Farming

The students and the elderly started farming work after the Lunar New Year Festival, 4 March 2019.

The video link : <https://youtu.be/sWksGXEymrl>



Exchange Knowledge



Professor Lau Kin Chi gave a sharing with visitors from Oberlin College on Campus farming experiences.



Professor Wen Tiej`un talked to the team of Lingnan Gardeners on Global Warming after a site visit of Rosella at Lingnan Garden.





Professor Yan Aibin (second on the left)
Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture and
planning Department, East China University of
Science and Technology; Visiting scholar, Harvard
University



Michel Bauwens gave a public talk at Lingnan
University.
E-Lecture Series by Michel Bauwens in January
The Future in the Present: Introduction to post-
capitalist potentials and seed forms for the next
commons-centric civilization



Ms Ana Dubraska Garcia, Consul-in-charge,
Venezuelan Consulate General in Hong Kong, visited
Lingnan Garden on 5 March. She appreciated
very much the elderly and students' farming
work on campus. She was very happy to receive
a pomegranate, a red chili and a student-made
wooden seeds box as gifts.

Chinese New Year Carnival – Lantern Legend (28 January 2019)



**Links of Wonderful LN Gardeners Concert
video :** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmi1JuO7nrxAEUcXPe2NSVKxHJkWq-xwr>

- (1) Sorae 宙へ :
<https://youtu.be/R1Ke6Mhq2pU>
- (2) 古傳巢籠 巢鶴 :
<https://youtu.be/-4ML6YUccXo>
- (3) 浮雲 -: <https://youtu.be/SJKUkhK4pzU>
- (4) 鹿の遠音 (選粹) :
<https://youtu.be/k8IAQSktxgQ>
- (5) 天空之城 : <https://youtu.be/0vZQour8nvw>
- (6) 息觀 sokkan :
<https://youtu.be/dhegWYwML9o>
- (7) Elegy : <https://youtu.be/m3xozKN3WEc>

Film Screening, 25 Jan 2019

Default (RR: Gukga-budo-eui Nal; lit. "National
Bankruptcy Day") is a 2018 South Korean drama film
directed by Choi Kook-hee. The film was released on
November 28, 2018. Starring Kim Hye-soo, Yoo Ah-
in, Jo Woo-jin and Heo Joon-ho, it is the first Korean
film to feature a financial crisis theme based on real-
life events.

50 people attended the film show. They were very
touched by this film.

Coming Activities

March 11 (Monday), 12:30-2:00p.m at Lingnan
Garden Hot Pot Food Sharing

April 8 (Monday), 12:30-2:00pm at Lingnan Garden
Harvest Food Sharing