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## Loquat

A loquat tree is planted between LBY and LKK, and the fruits mature in March. Loquat is a treasure fruit in southern China. It grows buds in autumn, blooms in winter, ripens in spring and matures in early summer, hence it bears the dews of the four seasons. The fruit, known as the King of Fruits, is deliciously sour and sweet. The whole loquat plant is a treasure because its fruits, flowers, leaves and seeds have their own medical qualities.

Loquat leaf is a very common Chinese medicine with bitter taste. It has the effect of clearing the lungs, relieving cough, and reducing vomiting. Large loquat leaves are dried and used as medicine. The seeds and fresh leaves are slightly toxic. Raw seeds and fresh leaves are slightly toxic because they release a small amount of cyanide. Because of the bitter taste, generally only a little amount can be consumed and so it will not cause harm.

Loquat flowers, blooming in winter, are yellow-white, with an attractive aroma.

**22 January 2020**

**Bugs on the six magnolia trees**

There are bugs on the six magnolia trees between LKK and LBY, and the management used pesticide to kill the bugs. In order to avoid the pesticides landing on the plants under the trees, the plants were covered with garbage bags and newspapers. Passers-by remarked that it was like an experiential modern art installation.



**23 January 2020**

**Plants as a New Year Gift**



Professor Paulo Nakatani from Brazil gave a public lecture at Lingnan University and visited Lingnan Gardeners 21 and 22 January 2020.



**CUS3112 Culture and Literary Imagination, 2019/2020, term 1**

Group 2 : [https://youtu.be/N\\_Y0yO8mjeI](https://youtu.be/N_Y0yO8mjeI)

Group 3 : [https://youtu.be/xCPp\\_iSoTyw](https://youtu.be/xCPp_iSoTyw)

Group 4 : <https://youtu.be/hY03D5jcAlw>

Group 5 : <https://youtu.be/quqTIntO86M>

Group 6 : <https://youtu.be/2VOi21ViHcc>



Professor Lau Kin Chi's interview in Venezuela:

<https://youtu.be/Ku5lKa89Gb0>

VENEZUELA:

Interview with Kin Chi Lau in Telesur English, coordinator of an international team from China. She spoke about the importance of the Bolivarian Revolution experience as a reference of sustainability and alternative to neoliberalism. She explained what the team saw in Ticoporo communal peasant market in Barinas and the Indio Rangel Agroecological School in Aragua.