

Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund - Approved Projects (As at 26 April 2019)

	Application number	Name of organisation	Project title	Nature of project	Project brief	Amount of grant approved (HK\$)	Commencement date	Expected completion date	Status of project
1	SADF 0003	City University of Hong Kong (Department of Biology and Chemistry)	Development of sustainable organic fertilisers for output maximisation of outdoor and indoor plant factories	Research and development of new products and new farming practices as well as knowledge transfer	The project aims to develop a water-soluble, odourless, stable and all-natural organic nutrient solution with an identifiable formula. Farmers will be invited to test the nutrient solution and the outcomes will be shared with the agricultural sector in Hong Kong.	2,803,696	1 January 2019	30 June 2021	In progress
2	SADF 0007	Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre Certification Limited	Management and operation of the organic certification system and its support initiatives	Certification of local organic crops	The project aims to implement and maintain the operation of the only internationally recognised third-party independent organic certification system in Hong Kong. The project will provide farmers with support and simplified application procedures for organic certification in order to encourage them to take part in organic certification, as well as to promote the organic certification programme. Training will be organised for farmers. Also, regular and surprise inspections will be conducted at organic farms and retail markets so as to safeguard consumers' rights and to strengthen their confidence in purchasing organic agricultural produce.	14,999,120	1 April 2019	31 March 2023	In progress
3	SADF 0008	Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre)	Promotion of local organic agriculture and image-building of professional organic certification	Promotion of local organic agriculture	The project aims to deepen the public's understanding in local organic agriculture and organic certification service, assist organic farmers in establishing local organic agriculture brands to capture market niches, enhance the support for organic farmers and boost consumers' confidence in purchasing local agricultural produce.	14,911,428	1 April 2019	31 March 2022	In progress
4	SADF 0012	The Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies, Limited	Comprehensive support and promotion scheme for agriculture	Support for local crop industry	The project aims to provide farmers with agricultural resources, support for agricultural operations and organic certification support services as well as quality organic seedlings and seeds. Support will be offered to enhance the farmers' efficiency in their daily operations and to assist them in achieving economy in their operating expenditure. The operation of the weekend farmers' markets will be maintained in order to provide a direct marketing platform for farmers to promote local organic agricultural produce.	14,145,672	1 April 2019	31 March 2022	In progress

5	SADF 0009	City University of Hong Kong (School of Veterinary Medicine)	Improving pig health and production in Hong Kong	Development of local pig farming industry	The project aims to identify the major constraints on pig health and production in Hong Kong and to develop interventions that will result in improved productivity, pig welfare, food safety and monitoring for early warning of new and emerging zoonotic diseases etc. Based on the needs of individual pig farms, a tailored pig health and production management service programme will be delivered to the farms.	14,997,912.64	1 March 2019	28 February 2021	In progress
6	SADF 0010	City University of Hong Kong (School of Veterinary Medicine)	Improving poultry health and production in Hong Kong	Development of local poultry farming industry	The project aims to identify the major constraints on poultry health and production in Hong Kong and to develop interventions that will result in improved productivity, poultry welfare, food safety and monitoring for early warning of new and emerging zoonotic diseases etc. Based on the needs of individual poultry farms, a tailored poultry health and production management service programme will be delivered to the farms.	14,961,146.35	1 March 2019	28 February 2021	In progress
7	SADF 0013	Hong Kong Productivity Council	Technology demonstration project on application of advanced sewage treatment technologies for local pig farms	Technology demonstration and knowledge transfer of sewage treatment technologies for local pig farms	The project aims to devise and construct an advanced and automated sewage treatment demonstration system in order to enhance sewage treatment technologies for local pig farms. The system provides remote monitoring of operation with energy recovery function. Seminars and visits will also be organised with a view to promoting sewage treatment technologies and facilities.	4,950,000	1 January 2019	31 December 2020	In progress
8	SADF 0024	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	An interactive and sustainable platform for new farmers (Phase I): agricultural pests commonly found in Hong Kong	E-platform development and knowledge transfer	The project aims to provide an interactive and sustainable electronic platform, which is about agricultural pests commonly found in Hong Kong, for new farmers. By making observation for two consecutive years, pests found in agricultural products in Hong Kong and the types of edible plants where they inhabit in various farms will be identified and recorded during different seasons. In addition, the findings of the survey and other related information (including methods for pest control) will be uploaded to a free and public interactive platform (i.e. mobile application and website).	2,512,026	Pending	Pending	Approved in principle