

Notice of Technical Visit
– Living Water & Community Revitalization
An Agricultural-led Action, Engagement and Incubation Programme at Lai Chi Wo

To provide guests a genuine experience and appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage at the north-eastern part of Hong Kong, the community revitalization programme at Lai Chi Wo led by Policy for Sustainability Lab (PSL), Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU and supported by HSBC and other partners will be introduced. Guests may also have chance to participate in agricultural activities at Lai Chi Wo. [Please see the attached programme rundown (tentative).]

This visit is co-organized by the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research – Hong Kong Chapter (IAHR-HK); and supported by the Policy for Sustainability Lab, Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU.



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- Date: 12th November 2016 (Saturday)
Registration Time: 08:45
Assembly Location: Ma Liu Shui Ferry Pier No. 3 (馬料水 3 號梯台) (see the attached map)
Start/ End Time : 09:00 – around 17:30 (The boat will leave Ma Liu Shui at 09:00 sharp , all participants must be punctual)
Fee: \$250/h for CIWEM and IAHR-HK members; and CIWEM IPOs (2 quota each for EPD, DSD, WSD and CityU). \$350/h for non- member.
Fee includes boat trip between Ma Liu Shui and Lai Chi Wo; Hakka lunch at Lai Chi Wo.
No beverage is included.
Language: English supplemented with Cantonese terms

Note:

1. Registration is accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, and preference will be given to CIWEM and IAHR-HK members; and CIWEM IPOs (EPD, DSD, WSD and CityU). Group size is limited to 45.
2. Successful applicants will be informed by email. Payment method will be advised where applicable. Those who fail to show up will need to cover the financial implication and will not be entertained in two subsequent CIWEM HK events.
3. CPD certificates of attendance will be issued to participants upon advanced request.
4. Subject to the weather situation and crop growth condition, the exact field activities will be subject to the advice of PSL staff.
6. Participants should arrange for their own insurance if it is considered necessary.
7. Adverse weather arrangement: this event will be cancelled if a typhoon signal No. 8 or above, or the black rainstorm warning is issued within 2 hours before the assembly time or during the event. Weather condition related programme rundown will also be subjected to the advice of the boat operator. CIWEM HK will notify the participants of the subsequent arrangements accordingly.

Application Method:

Please complete the [on line registration form](#) on or before **3rd November 2016**. Successful applicants will be informed individually by email. Only registration form with all entries duly completed will be processed. All personal data collected in the registration form will be used to process the application of this event only.

For enquiries, please contact Ms. Winnie Leung by email : winnieleung@epd.gov.hk

Our Invited Guest Speakers

Dr. Ji Chen , from the Department of Civil Engineering of The University of Hong Kong will share his study of an Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) supported project about Lai Chi Wo. Dr. Chen is leading the project about flood risks and water resource issues for agriculture irrigation, the impact of suspended sediment, turbidity and streamflow conditions on river biodiversity.

Ms. Katie Chick is now working in Policy for Sustainability Lab under the Faculty of Social Sciences of HKU and is the Project Manager of the Lai Chi Wo revitalization programme. Katie is 2011 Architectural Conservation Programme (HKU) graduate. Before that, she finished her M.Phil. study in ecology in Hong Kong. Her interest and expertise covers both heritage and nature conservation. She has very rich experience in managing local cultural landscapes. She previously worked for The Conservancy Association as conservation manager to operate the project "Nature Conservation Management for Long Valley", a government-granted conservation project for farming wetland landscape. The project has successfully engaged local indigenous and farming communities in conserving our natural and cultural farming heritage. Katie is part-time cultural landscape teacher of ACP and Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management of HKU SPACE. She is also the founding member of Association for Conservation of Hong Kong Indigenous Languages.

Itinerary (tentative)

A one-day programme consists of a guided tour of Northeast New Territories and Lai Chi Wo, a traditional Hakka lunch and participation in agricultural activities. Below is a tentative programme subject to the weather conditions then:

Time	Activities	Details
0845 - 0900	Gather at Ma Liu Shui Ferry Pier No. 3 (馬料水 3 號梯台)	
0900 – 1045	Boat trip to Lai Chi Wo with Geo-Tour of Northeast New Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appreciate the coastal landforms and observe the geology and rocks along Tolo Channel, Bluff Head and Double Haven, parts of the National Geopark of Hong Kong, China. • The tour will be guided by a qualified Geo-guide.
1045 – 1300	Guided Eco- and Cultural-Tour in Lai Chi Wo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided tour by indigenous villager and PSL staff to visit the traditional Hakka village, Lai Chi Wo, which is also a part of the National Geopark, with its famous White-flowered Derris and Feng Shui Woodland • To visit the organic farm and understand the revitalization programme in Lai Chi Wo • To visit the water management project at Lai Chi Wo (by Dr. Ji Chen)
1300 – 1415	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Hakka dishes prepared by local villagers
1415 – 1530	Participation in agricultural activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the guidance of PSL staff; and subject to the growth of crop
1530 – 1600	Tidying up and Debriefing	
1600 – 1730	Return to Ma Liu Shui Pier	
1730	Dismiss at Ma Liu Shui	

Programme Details:

Guided Geo-tour of Northeast New Territories

The boat tour will go around the inner sea area of the northeast New Territories: Tolo Channel, Bluff Head (Wong Chuk Kok Tsui) and Double Haven (Yan Chau Tong), which are parts of the National Geopark of Hong Kong, China. Most of the rocks along the north shore of Tolo Channel and at Bluff Head are the oldest in Hong Kong formed about 400 million years ago. Double Haven has been designated a marine park in 1996 due to its wildlife and natural features. The boat tour will take about 1.5 hours, during the boat tour, a qualified geo-guide will lead the guests to appreciate the coastal landforms and observe the geology and rocks along the coastline.



Guided Tour at Lai Chi Wo



Lai Chi Wo is part of the National Geopark of Hong Kong, China due to its special geological significance and natural and cultural landscape. The Lai Chi Wo Village is a traditional Hakka village which was established as early as 1670s and had a long history of farming. Along the coast has the largest population of Coastal Heritiera (*Heritiera littoralis*) and White-flowered Derris (*Derris alborubra*) in Hong Kong. Because of its unique natural and cultural features, Lai Chi Wo has been designed as a Site of Special Interest (SSSI) since 1979. Since 2013, a Community Revitalization Programme has been carried out in collaboration with The

University of Hong Kong, the local villagers and other NGOs. The tour will also lead the guests to visit the paddy fields to understand the objectives of the programme.

What to Bring?

- To protect yourself from sun burn: **hat, sunscreen**
- In case it rains/ gets windy: **wind breaker, rain coat, umbrella**
- There are mosquitoes in the countryside. Be prepared: **long sleeves shirt and trousers** (chemical insect repellent is not encouraged in organic farm)
- Drinking water – Please bring along **your own bottle with potable water**
- Farmland work are tough under the sun: please wear your own hat, and extra set of clothing for changing are suggested
- **Comfortable walking shoes.** Old shoes and clothing should be adequate
- There is a public toilet in the village and one on the boat

Assembly point



Ma Liu Shui Ferry Pier No. 3 (馬料水3號梯台) (about 15 min walk from MTR University Station)



Photo ①. Turn right when see the above signage inside the tunnel.



Photo ②. Ferry Pier No. 3