Country and Marine Parks Board Report on Annual Field Visit on Thursday, 22 December 2016

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VISIT DETAILS

1. Visit to the Enclave at Sai Lau Kong (SLK)

- During the visit to SLK, members were briefed about the proposal of incorporating the enclave into the Plover Cove Country Park (PCCP). Members noted that while there were nine valid government land licenses in the enclave, it only accommodated one small fishing village with a few inhabitants. They visited the SLK village where the village head Mr Kwok shared with members the daily life of villagers. Besides, members were introduced about the marine lives and habitats of Yan Chau Tong Marine Park (YCTMP) which was located on the northeast coast of PCCP, and were given a briefing on the management work and future plans of marine parks.
- Then, members visited the proposed site of drug treatment and rehabilitation centre to be operated by the Drug Addicts Counselling and Rehabilitation Services (DACARS). The proposed site is located within the SLK enclave to be incorporated into PCCP. The head of DACARS, Mr Siu introduced the future operation and plan of the centre and members suggested some possible collaboration work with the centre. Members hiked along a section of the new path connecting SLK to Sam A Tsuen for a panoramic view of the YCTMP and Ngau Shi Wu Wan. Upon return to Sha Tau Kok Pier, members were briefed on the Robin's Nest Country Park proposal and the concept of ecological corridor while overlooking Robin's Nest in Hong Kong and Wutongshan in Shenzhen.

2. Inspection of the Proposed Robin's Nest Country Park (RNCP)

2.1 After lunch at Wun Chuen Sin Koon, Ping Che, members set off to the proposed RNCP and were given a briefing about the proposed management work. Members had a

look outside the MacIntosh Fort (Kong Shan) and learnt that there were totally two MacIntosh Forts within and adjacent to the proposed RNCP, both of which were still in operation by the Hong Kong Police Force. Members also explored the Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine cave where they were briefed on the bat species that were found and their characteristics. They were also informed that the site was an important bat roosting place in Hong Kong and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Members welcomed the RNCP proposal which they believed would help to protect the valuable ecological resources and historical relics.

2.2 Overall speaking, members were of the view that the visit provided a good opportunity to better understand AFCD's work in incorporation of SLK enclave, designation of the proposed RNCP and management of marine parks.

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