

Country and Marine Parks Board
Report on Annual Field Visit held on Friday, 2 December 2011

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Guest

Ms CHAN Suk-king	Wife of Dr Eric LI Shing-foon
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Secretary

Mr Patrick TSANG	Assistant Secretary (Boards) 1, AFCD
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VISIT DETAILS

1. Lai Chi Wo Geosite, Lai Chi Wo Nature Trail and Lai Chi Wo Geoheritage Centre

1.1 Members were briefed about Hong Kong National Geopark's application for membership of the Global Geoparks Network on the way to Lai Chi Wo by boat. They were informed of the strategies for sustainable development of geoheritage, geotourism and geo-education.

1.2 At the Lai Chi Wo Geosite members were briefed about the geological features of the Geosite where the coastal landform comprised sedimentary rocks.

1.3 Members were also briefed on the detailed setting of the Lai Chi Wo Nature Trail and measures to protect the White-flowered Derris.

1.4 Members visited Fung Ying Seen Koon Lai Chi Wo Heritage Centre where geology of Double Haven, ecology of Lai Chi Wo, and history and culture of Lai Chi Wo were exhibited.

2. Kat O Geoheritage Centre and Ap Chau Hoi

2.1 Members were briefed about the Kat O Geosite on the way to Kat O by boat.

2.2 Members visited Kat O Geoheritage Centre after a traditional Hakka style lunch. A renovated village house, the Centre displayed rock specimens, Kat O cultural relics and representative fossils.

2.3 Members departed Kat O and tour around Ap Chau Hoi. They were introduced the geosites around Ap Chau.

3. Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve

3.1 Members set off to the Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve. They were briefed about AFCD's work and facilities there. They also visited the Tai Po Kau Outdoor Study Centre.

3.2 Members came to the site where the Kadoorie Institute of the University of Hong Kong will conduct a forest research project for 3 years to monitor the dynamics of forest trees and community changes. They were briefed on the details of the project, including the setting up of the 20-hectare Forest Dynamic Plot, the methodology, and the programme.

4. AFCD Fire Control Centre at Kowloon Hills

4.1 Members arrived at the AFCD Fire Control Centre at Kowloon Hills. They were briefed about the operation of the Centre and fire-fighting equipment stored there, and AFCD's work in preventing and fighting hill fire. They also saw a demonstration for fire-fighting by the AFCD fire crew.

4.2 Overall, members were of the view that the visit provided a valuable opportunity to visit the geosites in Northeast New Territories and to better understand AFCD's work in geoparks, in country parks and fire protection there.