

10th round of Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme approves six projects

The Secretariat of the Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme (CCFS) announced today (March 18) that the Advisory Committee on Countryside Conservation (ACCC) had approved six CCFS projects in the latest round of applications, including Nature Conservation Management Agreement projects and Cultural Rehabilitation projects, involving a total grant of around \$51 million.

The newly approved projects seek to subsidise local non-profit-making organisations to carry out diversified ecological and cultural conservation work in remote countryside areas, such as Lai Chi Wo, Mui Tsz Lam, Kap Tong, Kuk Po, Kat O and the Deep Bay wetlands. These include adopting ecologically friendly means to conduct farming and fishpond habitat management, thereby revitalising farmland and fish ponds, and increasing their ecological value. The projects will also revitalise traditional Hakka culture, thereby showcasing unique and precious cultural assets in remote countryside in Hong Kong, enhancing the ecotour experience for citizens and tourists, and increasing the public's awareness of conserving natural ecology and cultural and historic assets.

A total of 56 projects involving a total subsidy amount of over \$325 million have been approved under the 10 rounds of CCFS applications conducted so far, supporting local non-profit-making organisations' work in promoting different aspects of conservation and revitalisation, including natural ecology, non-graded built heritage, and cultural and historic assets. All CCFS applications are examined and considered by the ACCC, which is chaired by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology. Details of the approved projects are available on the CCFS webpage (www.eeb.gov.hk/en/conservation/ccfs/ccfs_approved_projects.html).