

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation

Project Number	EP86/27/24/11-10
Project Proponent	Centre for Chinese Architecture and Urbanism, HK Urban Lab, Faculty of Architecture of The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Conservation and Revitalisation Strategies for Architecture and Landscape of Hakka Village Spaces in Sha Tau Kok
Target Site	Four villages in Sha Tau Kok district (Cheng Uk village in Nam Chung, Chan Uk village in Luk Keng, Fung Hang Village and Lo Wai village in Kuk Po)
Project Description*	<p>Sha Tau Kok's coastal region, east of Hoi Pui Leng mountain facing the Starling Inlet, stands a dozen of Hakka Settlements developed in centuries. These include Nam Chung and Luk Keng, the Nam-Luk Coalition as one of the district's ten traditional inter-village alliances, as well as Fung Hang and Kuk Po villages in their east, forming an integral village landscape and ecological network along the coastal line. In addition to a good number of remaining traditional dwellings with traditional masonry and rammed earth construction, these cluster settlements also anchored upon an environmental setting with unique agricultural landscape and natural ecosystem: paddy field, fish pond, Fung Shui wood, as well as mangrove inter-tidal wetland where freshwater streams and tides meet.</p> <p>Facing challenges of countryside population aging and deterioration, the proposed project addressed traditional architecture, landscape environment and social culture of the four target villages as the focus of the study - Cheng Uk in Nam Chung, Chan Uk in Luk Keng, Fung Hang, and Lo Wai in Kuk Po – exploring methods of restoring, conserving, and revitalizing the heritage architecture and village spaces in the rural settlement, along with their culture landscape and ecology. By promoting cultural tourism and local ecological production as potential strategies for sustainable developments on architecture and landscape, the study look into ways of establishing a sustainable framework on countryside conservation and revitalization for Hong Kong,</p>

	enhancing public awareness in cultural and ecological conservation.
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