

VISIT TO Shing Mun Country Park and Arboretum

The Division of Applied Science and Technology had organized visit to Shing Mun Country Park on **7 September 2018**. **42 Year 2 students** from **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies** (who studied Ecology course) joined this activity. This visit was led by Judy KIU.



The **Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre**, provides displays on the origin and history of Shing Mun, the reservoir and the mining industry in the early 20th centuries. Animals and mineral specimens are also on display. Video programmes on Country Parks and Countryside Conservation matters were shown in the visitor centre.

The **Shing Mun Arboretum**, occupies 14 square kilometres, is situated in the Country Park. It extends to Shing Mun Reservoir Road in the south. The western border lies in Tai Mo Shan, while Grassy Hill and Needle Hill mark the eastern margin. There are 7000 plants, belonging to over 270 species (which are native to Hong Kong or Southern China) in the Arboretum. The plants include a collection of bamboos, protected plant species, plants named after Botanists, plants first discovered in Hong Kong and Camellias found in Hong Kong Countryside, etc.

During the visit, Government staff (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department) introduced the characteristics of the plantation trees there, as well as their ecological values to the woodland ecosystem. Moreover, she also told the students the growing habits and the medicinal values of various trees and shrubs. There are many interpretation signs so that the students will be beneficial from the boards.



PHOTO FEATURES



Woodland Walk



Briefing session



On site interpretation by Gov't staff



Students visiting Shing Mun Visiting Centre to learn conservation issues



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