VISIT TO ENDANGERED SPECIES RESOURCE CENTRE @ AFCD

The Division of Computer Studies had organized visits to the **Endangered Species Resource Centre of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)** at Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices on 12 & 19 January and 9 February, 2011. Around 100 first year students from **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies** (AScEs) joined this trip. These visits were led by the course examiner Ms. Judy KIU.

The Centre was opened in May 2001 to help promote public awareness on endangered species protection. It has some 600 specimens of about 200 endangered species on display, including various kinds of fur skins, leather products, Chinese medicines, plants and live pets, and is composed of 10 theme areas.

During the visit, the AFCD staff showed our students a video and provided an introduction of endangered species and the relevant laws in Hong Kong. Also, Students have different visited theme areas such aquatic area, medicinal species, animal skins.



delicacy, etc.. Students gain more knowledge on how the animals and plants are threatened by international trade and to protect them as well, and the most important was, they did not believe there are such cruel traders and hunters found in the world.



Notes: Notes are referenced from AFCD website.

PHOTO FEATURES



Introduction by the AFCD staff about biodiversity and endangered species in HK.



Students are fascinated by the aquatic live animals.



Students were amazed by the live endangered tortoises and lizards.



Students were discussing the biodiversity issues.



Different confiscated animal skins.



Students are looking at different kinds of coral specimen.