

Field Trip to Ping Shan Heritage Trail



37 ASCEs year 1 Students have joined the field trip of the course "Introduction of environmental conservation" to **Ping Shan Heritage Trail** on 17th October 2011. The Ping Shan Heritage Trail was inaugurated on 12 December 1993. Ping Shan is distinguished from many others in Hong Kong by its long history. A line of the Tang clan, one of the "Five Great Clans" in the New Territories, has lived in the area since the 12th century. Numerous elegant structures built since that time still stand today, bearing testimony to the historical and social developments that have taken place over the past centuries.

Students assembled at Tin Shui Wai MTR Station at 2:30. During the field trip, course instructor Dr. Lewis Cheung took students to have a walk of the heritage trail which is around one Kilometer in length.



Unique monuments along the trail include Tsui Sing Lau Pagoda (Hong Kong's only ancient pagoda), Tang Ancestral Hall (one of the largest ancestral halls in the territory), Sheung Cheung Wai (a walled village), Kun Ting Study Hall (built for students preparing for the Imperial Civil Service Examination), Hung Shing Temple and Yeung Hau Temple together with several other Chinese buildings.

These outstanding historical Chinese buildings clearly indicated the development of the New Territories in the last 6-700 years.

After the field trip, students were able to understand the importance of cultural heritage conservation and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the existing heritage conservation policies in Hong Kong



Students took photos of ancient buildings



Students visited an ancient temple with over 400 year of age



Students visited the Tang Clan Ancestral Hall



An traditional private school in the village



Students visited the shrine next to the road



Students took photos at the corridor of historical buildings