



LUNG MEI GEOGRAPHICAL ENVIRONMENT

On Mar 14, 09, our Chairman, Mr. Young Ng was one of the guest speakers of Lung Mei Seminar to explain its geographical environment.

Since Dec. 2007, our Association has been objecting the Government's spending of HKD130 million to develop a bathing beach at Lung Mei. One of our primary arguments is that from the environmental landscape aspect, Lung Mei is totally unsuitable for swimming.

Geographically, Lung Mei is at Plover Cove (or called Shuen Wan Hoi), a highly enclosed water body in Tolo Harbour which is also an inner bay. With a total shoreline of approximate 15 km, Plover Cove is all surrounded by land with only a narrow outlet of around 0.7 km at the southeastern side opening to Tolo Harbour. This narrow outlet accounts for around 5% of the natural coastlines of Plover Cove. The environmental landscape has limited the inflow of fresh water, thus Plover Cove flushing capacity is weak. As a consequence, the water quality is always poor.

Following the increased property developments and population in the area, it is projected that the water quality would be further deteriorated as more and more effluent and pollutants are being discharged to the Plover Cove and Tolo Harbour even though there would be the implementation of sewerage network plan.

According to the Environment Assessment Report, even after the completion of the Tolo Harbour Sewerage Construction Works, it is projected that from March to July, 24% of the swimming season of Lung Mei will have poor water quality while 14% of the period will be very poor.

The Government is totally irresponsible in neglecting our citizen's health by spending over HKD130 million taxpayers money to build a bathing beach which is unsuitable for swimming. It is immensely uneconomical and unsustainable for us and our coming generations to bear the burden of the inestimable subsequent operation and maintenance costs.