

新聞稿

關注團體邀請公眾參與 12 月 13 日欣賞郊野公園活動

關注團體就 2015 年 12 月 13 日首次舉行的欣賞郊野公園日舉行活動發佈會，主題為「#保衛郊野公園：行山打卡」。

保衛郊野公園聯盟將於十二月第二個星期日舉辦欣賞郊野公園活動，反對建議發展郊野公園的言論。

公眾可於 12 月 13 日到訪任何郊野公園，將標籤了「#SaveOurCountryParks」或「#保衛郊野公園」的自拍照或短片放上 www.facebook.com/saveourcountryparks 或自己的社交媒體（Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram 及 WeChat 等）。

各個關注團體的義工當日會在不同的郊野公園入口計算訪客數目，以及幫助他們拍攝和上載相片。

活動發佈會的發言人包括林超英教授、伍世良教授、陳劍青、司馬文、郭秀雲，以及其他團體的成員。

他們為近日不少建議發展郊野公園的言論深感憂慮，認為這次活動是讓公眾展示他們關心郊野公園的機會。

前天文台台長及現任香港中文大學地理與資源管理學系客座教授林超英表示：「香港擁有著因歷史而所賦予的寶貴財產，一旦失去便永遠無法恢復」。

本土研究社成員陳劍青分析，近二十年香港房屋單位增長，一直超過住戶數目的增長，證明今天的居住問題並非單純土地供應的問題。

香港中文大學地理與資源管理學系副教授伍世良指出政府應先開發和利用「棕土」、「丁地」、高爾夫球場用地及軍事用地，而非郊野公園。

關注團體同時促請政府公佈由專家顧問組成的「生物多樣性策略及行動計劃督導委員會」(BSAP) 所提出的 400 個建議，並承諾設立全面的保育方案保護香港現存的生物多樣性。

關注團體促請行政長官履行競選時的承諾：「香港並不缺乏土地，欠缺的是全局觀和長遠的規劃。市區和郊野公園以外，全港仍有大量未開發土地。政府應該長遠規劃可供開發的土地並靈活供應，滿足社會發展需要。」競選承諾亦提及「我們會保護郊野公園及其生態及其他價值的土地和水體，以及長遠規劃其他可供開發的土地。」

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「保衛郊野公園聯盟」成員和合作團體，包括環保、行山及其他希望保護香港郊野公園的關注組織有：

聯盟成員

Ark Eden、香港地貌岩石保育協會、爭氣行動、創建香港、Eco-Sys Action、香港大學學生會理學會環境生命科學學會、海下之友、西貢之友、大浪灣之友、香港地球之友、綠色社區、綠色大嶼山協會、綠色力量、環保觸覺、綠領行動、綠色和平、香港自然生態論壇、香港單車同盟、香港海豚保育學會、Hong Kong Outdoors、大嶼山愛護水牛協會、島嶼活動行動、活在南丫、勃勃海洋、西貢大浪灣關注組、香港自然探索學會、長春社、香港觀鳥會、世界自然基金會香港分會

合作團體

香港遠足覓台團、守護大嶼聯盟、徑·香港

Press Release

Concern groups invite public to appreciate the Country Parks on 13 December

Today concern groups announced the first *Annual Country Parks Appreciation Day* to take place on 13 December. The theme for 2015 is “*#SaveOurCountryParks – Be Counted*”.

The *Save Our Country Parks Alliance* has declared the second Sunday of December a day to appreciate the Country Parks in opposition to the voices who propose the use of country parks for development.

The public is urged to visit any country park on 13 December 2015, and to post a selfie photograph or video on www.facebook.com/saveourcountryparks or their own social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and WeChat) with tag *#SaveOurCountryParks*.

During the day, volunteers from the concern groups will count visitors at entrances to several country parks and help them to take and post selfies. They welcome more organizations and volunteers to join.

Speakers at the launch event included Lam Chiu-ying, Prof. Ng Sai-leung, Chan Kim-ching, Paul Zimmerman, Sharon Kwok Sau-wan, and others.

They explained that they are deeply troubled by the orchestrated chorus of voices calling for developments in country parks in recent months. They hope that this event can prove a great opportunity for everyone to show they care for their country parks.

“Hong Kong has a precious asset bestowed on it by history – once lost it can never be retrieved,” said Prof. Lam Chiu-ying, the former director of the observatory and currently adjunct professor of the Geography and Resource Management Department of CUHK.

Chan Kim-ching, member of Liber Research Community, explained that the growth of housing units is more than the growth of the number of households in recent two decades. It proves that the housing problem is not just a land supply issue.

Prof. Ng, associate professor of the Geography and Resource Management Department of CUHK, explained that priority should be to develop and utilize brownfield sites, golf courses, land reserved for small houses and military sites instead of country parks.

The groups reminded the government to publish the 400 recommendations made in 2014 by expert advisors to the “Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) Steering Committee”, and to commit itself to protecting Hong Kong’s remaining biodiversity.

The groups also called on the Chief Executive to stay true to his Election Manifesto in which he explained that “*Hong Kong is not short of land; what we lack is a holistic and long-term approach towards planning*” and that “*Excluding the urban area and country parks, large areas remain undeveloped.*” Leung Chun-ying promised in his Manifesto that “*We will protect our country parks and bodies of land and water with ecological value, and formulate long-term plans for other areas of land available for development.*”

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“Save Our Country Parks Alliance” Members and Partners include green, hiking and other concern groups who seek to safeguard Hong Kong’s Country Parks:

Members:

Ark Eden, Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong, Clear the Air, Designing Hong Kong, Eco-Sys Action, Environmental Life Science Society, SS, HKUSU, Friends of Hoi Ha, Friends of Sai Kung, Friends of Tai Long Wan, Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong), Green Community, Green Lantau Association, Green Power, Green Sense, Greeners Action, Greenpeace, HKWildlife.net, Hong Kong Bird Watching Society, Hong Kong Cycling Alliance, Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society, Hong Kong Outdoors, Lantau Buffalo Association, Living Islands Movement, Living Lamma, Living Seas Hong Kong, Sai Kung Tai Long Wan Concern Group, Society of Hong Kong Nature Explorers, The Conservancy Association, WWF-Hong Kong.

Partners:

Hong Kong Hiking Meet Up, Save Lantau Alliance, Trail Watch.