

## Lantau Conservation Fund

### Education and Engagement Project

Project Number	EE-2022-11
Recipient Organisation	Tai O Cultural Association Limited
Project Title	Education program and Engagement project on Tai O Traditional Sampan
Project Description*	<p>Traditional sampan used to be a fishing tool for Tai O fishermen. It was an indispensable means of transportation for residents. Sampans also play an important role in traditional events such as weddings and funerals, Dragon Boat Festival parades. When Tai O's fishery declined, the importance of sampans has gradually faded. In 80s, residents connected their Pang Uks together in response to fire safety requirements. They no longer rely on sampans to reach the shore. During the epidemic, Tai O once again became a popular tourist hotspot. Riding a traditional sampan and enjoying the coastal scenery is one of the favorites of visiting Tai O. This made the "traditional sampan" a cultural symbol of Tai O. Tai O sampans not only represent the fishermen life, but also serve as a "bridge" leading the public to understand the preservation of Tai O. This project aims to design and produce a set of educational materials to introduce Tai O traditional sampan and rowing scull (傳統舢舨和搖櫓文化), which can be used in themed exhibitions, seminars, face-to-face and online classes. Engagement projects to revitalize the skill of rowing scull through workshops, interactive dramas and rowing experience tours will be organized so to inspire primary and secondary school students about this local tradition.</p>
Project Period	1 August 2023 to 31 March 2025

	(20 months)
Approved Grant	\$1,998,600

\*The project description is provided by the project proponent