

Lantau Conservation Fund

Research Project

Project Number	RE-2021-11
Recipient Organisation	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Project Title	The Legend of Ngong Ping Highland Tea
Project Description*	<p>Ngong Ping Tea Garden was in the middle of Muk Yue Shan on Lantau Island. At an elevation of 450m as the only large scale tea garden of the Lantau, The Tea Garden was founded by Mr. Brook Bernacchi, the former Queen's Counsel, who was also a huge name in the development and welfare of people on Lantau Island. During its peak time there were about 60-acre (24.28 hectare) tea plantation at the Tea Garden. Its special produce "Lotus Brand Tea" was mainly sold locally, but some products would be exported to the United Kingdom, the United States and other places. The Tea Garden was gradually transformed into a recreational place in the late 1970s and ceased operations in 2013.</p> <p>The research team will take Ngong Ping Tea Garden as a starting point to trace the history and development of tea plantation on Lantau Island, and explore how different groups in Ngong Ping area (such as the Ngong Ping Tea Garden, Po Lin Monastery and other religious groups, Ngong Ping Village, etc.) were connected through the tea industry, its related stakeholders, or activities. This research will also take the establishment, expansion, development and transformation of the Tea Garden as a microcosm to study how did the Hong Kong's governance policy in different periods affect the development of Lantau Island,</p>

	and propose sustainable conservation strategy and recommendation to the said area.
Project Period	10 October 2022 – 30 September 2024 (24 months)
Approved Grant	\$2,340,472

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