

Lantau Conservation Fund

Research Project

Project Number	RE-2024-09
Recipient Organisation	The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	A digital approach to conserve and promote the cultural heritage of Yam O Wan and its former log storage industry
Project Description*	<p>The log storage industry that operated in Yam O Wan (1961-2000) is an important but poorly recorded element of Hong Kong's post-war industrial redevelopment and the cultural history of Lantau. This digital heritage project will uncover the histories of this industry, and the cultural landscape and working community at Luk Keng Tsuen that supported it, then bring them to life with an interactive digital recreation. This will raise public awareness and understanding while avoiding impact or disturbance to landowners and existing users, and without substantial cost.</p> <p>We will compile a comprehensive archive of historic documents, conduct heritage surveys, photogrammetry scanning, and ethnographic interviews with former workers and villagers. Using the very latest digital visualization technologies we will create an interactive digital Cultural Heritage Map and eXtended Reality App that will allow visitors (via smartphones) an immersive virtual experience of numerous aspects of the former industry, landscape and community. We will use social media to promote these and obtain public feedback. Embedded analytics will track patterns of use which could facilitate heritage management of the site. This initiative will complement SSLO's</p>

	current work in recognizing and conserving Lantau's rural heritage and extend their network of heritage sites to northeast Lantau.
Project Period	24 months
Approved Grant	\$2,419,800

*The project description is provided by the project proponent