

**Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Nature Conservation Management Agreement Project**

Project Number	EEB(EB) 27/24/8-21
Project Proponent	Centre for Civil Society and Governance, The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Forest Village: Mui Tsz Lam and Kop Tong Sustainable Village Programme (2024 – 2027)
Target Site	Mui Tsz Lam and Kop Tong
Project Description *	Mui Tsz Lam and Kop Tong, with their rich forest biodiversity and beautiful rural cultural landscapes, are being conserved and revitalised as "Forest Villages" in the project's first phase. Over the next three years, the team will reshape traditional Funghui Forest management practices into a new action model to promote conservation, sustainable use of biodiversity, and enhance ecosystem services of Mui Tsz Lam and Kop Tong Forest Villages. This modernised Funghui Forest management model, namely "Village Forestry", will scale up Phase I's impact on village sustainability. It treats surrounding forests and habitats as shared resources for the villages and wider society, involving local villagers and volunteers in community-based management of village resources. Stakeholders will be empowered to implement conservation and sustainability efforts with the project team's support. We believe the transformed Forest Villages will provide ecosystem services beyond traditional values but meeting wider community needs without compromising ecological integrity.
Project Duration	1 May 2024 to 30 April 2027
Grant Approved	\$15,000,000

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