

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation

Project Number	EP86/27/24/11-9
Project Proponent	The Hong Kong Countryside Foundation Limited
Project Title	Feasibility Study and Pilot Scheme of Water Bus for Inter-village and Coastal Eco-tour Service for Lai Chi Wo and Nearby Villages
Target Site	Lai Chi Wo
Project Description*	<p>There are 7 Hing Chun Yuek villages, together with Ap Chau and Kat O, that rely on Kai To service and there are no services for access during weekdays and non-holidays. Villagers and visitors have to go through Sha Tau Kok closed area for access (with permits only) via the more expensive mode of water taxi or villagers operated Kai To to Kat O only.</p> <p>The proposed study and pilot scheme aims at finding a way to resolve the problem of public transportation service during weekdays particularly with the CE project “Hakka Life Experience Village@Lai Chi Wo” which will start providing accommodation in 2021/2022. This project will, where possible, also serve other Hing Chun Yuek villages, Ap Chau and Kat O. A new Management Agreement and 2CCFS projects are scheduled to start in Mui Tsz Lam soon which will also attract visitors as well as the growing demand of people partly due to the pandemic for eco-tour in the marine park, geopark and country park area. This proposed water base transportation and marine eco-tour pilot scheme will be an essential and environmental friendly approach to provide a solution for the access and coastal eco-tour to this remote countryside region and shall help the revitalization of the area.</p>
Project Period	1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023
Grant Approved	\$2,000,000

*The project description is provided by the project proponent.