

**Re-telling the Yung Shue Au Story: Co-creating Rural Place with Experimental  
Communal Hub and Eco-Cultural Trail**

Oral History and Sociality

(Task 1 Research)

## 27 February 2024 - Site Visit on Lantern Festival

### Present:

Approx. 50 people including villagers and guests.

From CUHK team: Prof. Thomas Chung, Prof. Sidney Cheung and Research Assistant Kelvin Mang.

### Purpose:

To take part in the village's traditions and meet villagers to research oral history and sociality (Task 1).

### Outcome:

The team participated in a festive Hakka dinner during the Lantern Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Lunar calendar. The visit also included “榕樹凹有請”, a pilot tour by “旅創鄉郊” guided by a local villager who told stories on how the villagers used to live and their memories of Yung Shue Au. Meeting the villagers over a festive setting revealed oral histories which were further researched in the interview 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (see below for details on the interview with YSA villagers on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024).



## 14 March 2024 - Site Visit to Yung Shue Au

**Present:**

5 villagers and 4 colleagues from CUHK including Prof. Thomas Chung.

**Purpose:**

To conduct site inspection, interviews and design discussion on the Experimental Communal Hub (ECH) and the Eco-cultural Trail (ECT).

**Outcome:**

The ruins of the planned ECH were inspected and the dimensions were clarified. We also received some feedback from villagers on the current design scheme, for example reusing the existing tools/furniture.

For ECT, the daily routine of the villagers in YSA was studied through oral history. Villagers guided the team to revisit some culturally significant buildings, including the piers, the dam, Pui Man School (培文學校), the military barracks, and their village council for the planning of the trail.

**Selection of photos from the site visit on 14 March 2024:**



*The village head of YSA guided the CUHK team to significant buildings. Here explain the use of the previous village council. Photo: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.*



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*The team was introduced to Fuk On Kui, a series of houses illustrating the integration of modern house style with traditional houses, within one clan. Photo: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.*



*This area was previously undocumented, but was stated by villagers on the site visit as the old pier. Photo: The Chinese University of Hong Kong.*

## 27 March 2024 - Interview with YSA Villagers

**Present:**

3 senior villagers from YSA and 1 Research assistant from CUHK.

**Purpose:**

Obtain historical information for the planning and design work of the ECH and ECT.

**Outcome:**

On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we interviewed 3 senior villagers, members of the Management Association of Yung Shue Au Village (MAYSA), to obtain historical information for the planning and design work of the Eco-Cultural Trail (ECT) in YSA. This interview focused on the following topics: I. relationship between YSA and the Wan clan in Tam Shui Hang; II. the expanding pond in YSA; III. the garrison forces in YSA during the 1970s-80s; and IV. 3 significant houses: Fuk On Kui, Village Head's House, and Tolo Drink House. The detailed information on the ECT is included separately as Appendix 4 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report.