# **Geography Teachers' Professional Experience Sharing** on Geography Education in Hong Kong (2023) –

Good Practices on the Learning & Teaching of Geography [Online course via Zoom]

### Brief note of Learning and Teaching Strategies in Geography and Environmental Education in Sing Yin Secondary School

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#### A. Learning of Geography

Strengths of students

- Most of them show interest in the nature and the environment surrounding them.
- They have the basic knowledge on Hong Kong geography through their past learning and their awareness on current affairs.

#### Weaknesses of students

- Some of them are examination-oriented. They like to be spoon-fed, recite materials given by teachers and lack creativity. They are weak in selflearning.
- Some of them show less motivation in learning in routine lessons.
- The participation rate of field trips / talks held on weekends / after school on a voluntary basis is rather low.

#### B. To promote the study of geography through active learning:

- Field trips, visits and various activities have been organized in all forms.
- Examples
- 1. Form One

Teaching Topic: Using Urban Space Wisely

- Fieldwork on land use around the school campus (collaborated with History Department)
- Visits to the Urban Renewal Exploration Centre and the Central Market

Teaching Topic: Food Problems

- Visit to an Organic Farm

#### 2. Form two

Teaching Topic: The Trouble of Water

 Visits to the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Tank and the Sewage Treatment Works

Teaching Topic: Living with Natural Hazards

- Use of Sandbox

 Self-learning activity: Identification of slope management strategies on the slopes near the school campus

#### 3. Form three

Teaching Topic: Changing Climate, Changing Environments

- Visit to the Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change

Teaching Topic: Global Shift of Manufacturing Industry

- Visits to Yakult/ Hong Kong Science Park

#### 4. Form Four to Form Six

Teaching Topic: Opportunities and Risks

Field trip to Ma Shi Chau
 Teaching Topic: River and Coast

- Field trips to Luk Keng and Shek O

Visits to the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Tank

- Boat trip at Sai Kung





Teaching Topics: Disappearing Green Canopy/ Farming/ Coast/ Dynamic Earth/ Opportunities and Risks/ Sustainable City/ Climate Change

2 days 1 night Field camp/ Half-day fieldwork at Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field
 Studies Centre

Teaching Topic: Urban Renewal/ Urban Decay

- Fieldwork on urban studies
   Wan Chai The Blue House Cluster / Lee Tung Avenue
   Sham Shui Po Castle Peak Road
- 5. Overseas Study Tours (4 days 3 nights)
  Examples: Taiwan, Mainland China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Jeju Island



Mekong River, Vietnam



Jeju Island



Tama Negara National Park, Malaysia



Night Jungle walk, Night Safari, Malaysia

6. Taiwan Study Tour Introduction (26/6 – 29/6/2023)

## Taiwan Study Tour (26/6 - 29/6/2023)

▶ 06月26日

香港 → 台中(清泉崗) ~ 清境 ~ 小瑞士花園

▶ 06月27日

清境農場(青青草原) Livestock rearing, Terraced fields

廣興紙寮(臺灣一家結合文化保存與觀光發展的造紙廠。廣興紙寮是家傳統造紙廠,經過轉型後,開放遊客觀光及動手體驗的紙工廠。) Paper manufacturing plant

921地震教育園區 (全館座落地震遺址之上,沿斷層而建,並將部分地震後留下的毀壞教室、斷層剖面完好如初地作為教材展示,教室進行結構性補強。) Plate tectonics, Earthquake

台中高鐵站:乘坐高鐵列車前往台北

台北車站。抵達台北車站後,從台北車站經「地下街」步行前往台灣地標商圈「西門町商圈」

#### ▶ 06月28日

十分風景區(十分瀑布、車站、老街): 觀賞十分瀑布、遊覽車站,於老街放天燈,安排每 4 人放1 蓋天燈。十分風景區是臺灣風景區中是屬於瀑布溪谷型。Fluvial features

餐後,前往新北市遊覽「<mark>野柳地質公園</mark>」。「野柳」為大屯山餘脈伸出海中的岬角,從金山遠眺,猶如潛入海中的巨龜,故又名為「野柳龜」。Denudation: Features of Weathering and Erosion

再往臺灣第一座商業運轉的風力發電機組,整體設置考量視覺比例與美感,力求與當地環境景觀協調融合的「石門風力發電站」遊覽。全區共有六座風車,風車紅白相間,不同於澎湖的純白造形,遠看相當醒目。Renewable Energy / Sustainable City / Combating Climate Change

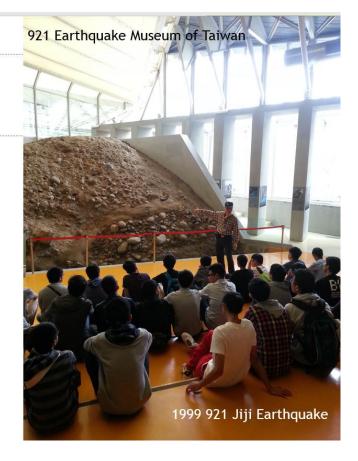
#### ▶ 06月29日

<mark>北投焚化廠:</mark> 台灣加強環境保護而興建之垃圾焚化廠之一,以現代化之機械設備及最新之焚化技術,減少垃圾體積節省掩埋空間,達到垃圾減量化、安定化、無害化及資源化,並有效控制二次污染及回收能源。Sustainable City

再往複合式文化展演園區,前身為台北酒廠的「華山 1914 文化創意產業園區」遊覽。 Revitalization



Plates involved, internal force, type of fault Time of occurrence Depth of focus Duration of earthquake Magnitude Population density Building structure









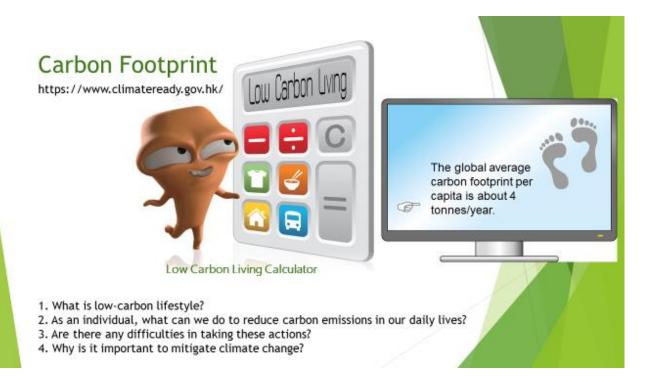
#### 7. Geography and Environmental Education

### Geography x Environmental Education in Sing Yin

Mitigating Climate Change



- 1. What are the advantages of using renewable energy resources?
- How can this programme (Feed-in Tariff) help to achieve carbon neutrality in Hong Kong?
- 3. Is it a good way to mitigate climate change in Hong Kong?



### **Environmental Prefects and Monitors**

Main duties: to organize activities to promote environmental conservation and to implement our Energy Saving Policies in classrooms and to keep classrooms clean and tidy (classroom cleanliness campaign)

- They are only allowed to turn on the air conditioners in classrooms when the heat index ≥ 25.5°C or relative humidity ≥ 95%
- They switch off the lights, fans, LCD monitors in classrooms when they are not in use.

Sing Yin Weather Station

http://www.singyin.edu. hk/zh/

## Environmental Ambassadors

- Junior form students
- 3 to 6 students from each class
- A total of about 70-80 environmental ambassadors





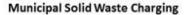


## Aquaponics



## 與基督教家庭服務中心合作的「減廢在校園」活動 (9/2018 - 3/2019)







## 環保基金·減廢在校園

#### 垃圾審核分析

- 使用政府提供的專用垃圾袋棄置垃圾
- 本會職員與環保大使會就垃圾進行重量 紀錄統計
- 觀察每月垃圾量及回收量變化,並比對 在計劃前的垃圾量
- 毎月製作模擬展單・譲校方得悉日後落 責措施後的收費







Inter-school Green Fashion Show organized by Sing Yin Secondary School: to promote low-carbon lifestyle and to raise awareness on sustainable industrial development.