

**Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Cultural Rehabilitation/Revitalisation Projects**

Project Number	EP86/27/24/10-3
Project Proponent	The Hong Kong Countryside Foundation Limited
Project Title	Traditional Craftsmanship and Cultural Inheritance in Lai Chi Wo
Target Site	Lai Chi Wo
Project Description*	<p>The villages in our rural countryside has been deteriorating while other part of our city continues to urbanise, to enhance public appreciation of the rural cultural and natural assets, Hong Kong Countryside Foundation has organised series of cultural experiential activities in Lai Chi Wo village during the past few years, and the experience will be applicable for the implementation of this project.</p> <p>Traditional craftsmanship of Hakka style village houses is a key component of the cultural assets in revitalising the rural community. The interpretation of the traditional craftsmanship will enable the public to appreciate rural culture and raise public awareness on the sustainable development of remote villages.</p> <p>The project will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organising workshops and guided tours with professional conservationists to introduce the historical development of different Lai Chi Wo village houses in chronological sequence; 2. Inviting experienced craftsman as tutor to demonstrate in detail the craftsmanship technique for “timber” “brick” “clay” “tile” etc. in one of the village houses, involve participants to trial repair partial of the house component using the technique learnt, and encourage participants to create art installation in the village house as interpretation of the house stories they have digested and also as their attachment to this village. <p>The project aims to interact with the participants and the public, increase their sense of belonging to the rural community by series of experiential learning activities, and the participants themselves would contribute as cultural inheritor in the rural revitalisation process.</p>

Project Period	1 January 2021 – 31 December 2022
Grant Approved	\$1,976,460

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