

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation

Project Number	EP86/27/24/11-18
Project Proponent	Division of Landscape Architecture, Faculty of Architecture of The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Village Commoning: Developing a Community-led Model in Countryside Revitalisation
Target Site	No specific project site
Project Description*	<p>In recent years, Hong Kong saw a growing number of village revitalisation schemes initiated by non-profit organisations (NPOs) with expertise in ecological and heritage conservation. While many of these projects have been commended for their success in reactivating the countryside through public engagement and educational programs, less attention has been paid to addressing the needs and aspirations of local villagers, who remain largely disengaged from the revitalisation processes.</p> <p>This project aims to derive a community-led model of village revitalisation that enables local stakeholders to take a greater role in initiating the revitalisation of their village assets. Utilising “commoning” as a conceptual framework, this model emphasises the collective management of resources that can lead to the creation of new values, in particular in fostering a sense of pride, and ownership of place and empowering the community as a whole.</p> <p>The first phase of this project includes a review of international case studies of commoning practices that mobilised collaborations between different stakeholders. The second phase involves the organisation of a series of engagement exercises to gather feedback from relevant parties. The final phase involves the generation of an “advisory platform for commoning” and a set of implementation guidelines for future use.</p>
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