

VISIT TO Shing Mun Country Park and Arboretum

The Faculty of Science and Technology had organized visit to Shing Mun Country Park on **4 October 2019**.

The **Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre**, provides displays on the origin and history of Shing Mun, the reservoir and the mining industry in the early 20th centuries. Animals and mineral specimens are also on display. Video on Country Parks development and Countryside Conservation matters were shown.

The **Shing Mun Arboretum**, occupies 14 square kilometres, is situated in the Country Park. It extends to Shing Mun Reservoir Road in the south. The western border lies in Tai Mo Shan, while Grassy Hill and Needle Hill mark the eastern margin. There are 7000 plants, belonging to over 270 species (which are native to Hong Kong or Southern China) in the Arboretum. The plants include a collection of bamboos, protected plant species, plants named after Botanists, plants first discovered in Hong Kong and Camellias found in Hong Kong Countryside, etc.



36 Year 2 students from **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies** joined this field trip and it was led by Judy KIU.

During the visit, Government staff (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department) introduced the history of Shing Mun country park, the characteristics of the plantation trees there, as well as their ecological values to the woodland ecosystem.

There are many interactive games so that the students will learn more through interesting activities.



PHOTO FEATURES



Wildlife @ Shing Mun Country Park



Learning Biodiversity at the Exhibition Gallery



Woodland walk and students are learning woodland ecology