

REPORT ON NHS BOAT TRIP TO PO TOI

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A group of 18 members and guests left Central pier for our first boat trip of the summer, a two hour trip to Po Toi Island. The day was quite hot with some cloud cover. I always enjoy the views of the harbour with its tall buildings and then the contrast of mountains and wilderness at the end of Hong Kong

Island.

After passing the Lei Yue Mun Strait we were on course for Po Toi, a small Island just south of Hong Kong which is well known for being a haven for migrating birds.



When we arrived at the pier in Po Toi we had the choice of three different walks. Most chose the option that

went past Old Mo's house, a ruined building, where soldiers stayed during WW2. The track then went to the top of the hill which afforded views of the granite hills



and vegetation including crape myrtle, which in summer adds colour to the landscape with its purple flowers. The trails lead down towards the southern headland where the rock formations were, including Monk, Palm and Turtle Rocks.



Some members chose to take the rugged walk which is meant to be quite spectacular. Unfortunately the

sun decided to come out and it was very hot along the tracks so most walked only part of the trail before returning

We met up at the Ming Kee restaurant on the beach and had an enjoyable Chinese lunch and a few well-earned beers. After lunch we stopped for a swim: although a bit choppy, most enjoyed the cool waters before we headed back to Central. Due to the winds, we returned through Victoria Harbour instead of travelling around the south side of the island.



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