

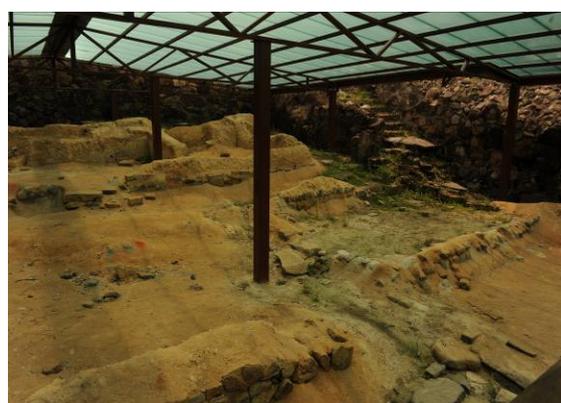
## Hong Kong Natural History Society

### Report on September 2015 Boat Trip to Ninepin Islands and Tung Lung Fort

31 members went on this boat trip on a fine day after meeting in Central. We first set off to the Ninepins and were delighted to have Bernie Owen, an expert in geology, traveling with us. After we arrived at the Ninepins, our boat took us for a tour around the north and south island. At the same time, Bernie gave us an informal talk on this youngest group of rocks of its type which was formed over 140 million years ago here in Hong Kong. He showed us the special features of the slits, fault lines and the sea arch.



We then went to visit Tung Lung Island. Our boat let us off at the smaller pier closer to the Fort. It took us only about 15 minutes to get to the Fort, which was built 500-600 years ago for defence against pirates in the Ming Dynasty.



Bernie also talked to us about the geological features of the island while some members took photos of the spectacular view overlooking Clear Water Bay. Then, it was time for our late lunch break. A few members decided to go and visit the largest Hong Kong rock carving with the symbol of a dragon. Some members took a swim where the water was clear enough at the beach close to the pier. Others went to the small cafe just above the beach and some decided to head back to the boat for lunch before other activities. It was lucky that our boat could dock at the pier and members could just go in and out freely whenever they wanted. Most members took a swim after the sweaty walk and felt good enjoying the mild sunshine and light sea breezes.



The boat took us back to Central at 5:15 pm. It was a fine day with activities suitable for everyone! Some members were heard to express how much more interesting it made the trip having Bernie on board with us to explain things.

So, thank you once again for joining us Bernie and Barbara. Hope to see you again another time!

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