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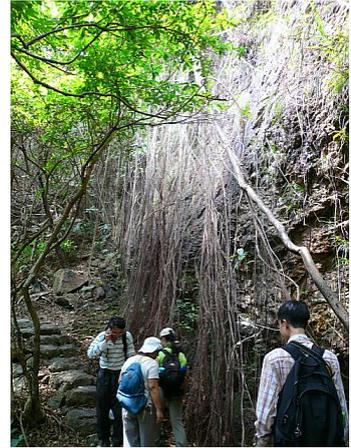
A Report on March Outing

The group set off to Lantau with the ferry from Central and everyone met on time. Christine joined us in Mui Wo and we managed to meet Barbara who made her own way from Tung Chung at the junction of Shum Wat Road and Tai O Road at 10:45 sharp!

On the way to Kwun Yam Shan, we saw roots of Banyan Trees growing into wall-like fences. At the first break, we sat down by the side of the trail admiring the spectacular view overlooking Shek Pik Reservoir and the Soko Islands from far. We then made



our way down the Keung Shan Country Trail. We saw many Red Hill Pines and “Wheel” Plum bushes. Peter even introduced us to a very thin needle-like Dwarf Mountain Pine, which when rubbed, smelt really fragrant. Meanwhile, Ted with his friends Ada and Gigi were busy taking pictures and talking excitedly about the different plants they saw on the way.



We then came to a catchment area, and proceeded to cross the dam where we picked up the next section of our hike. After arriving at Tung Wan Beach most of us stayed there to have lunch while some of the others decided to descend to look at the Ancient Rock Carving which was about 10 minutes away. After resting for half an hour, everyone felt re-charged and we then made our way around the Shek Mun Shan Peninsular to Lo Kei Wan. Right at the beginning of this trail, there was a big bamboo forest where we felt cool and shady when making our gentle ascend. The trail is covered with red earth, rich in iron minerals. We gradually made our way to the beach at Lo Kei Wan, taking breaks to look at the sea views and some peculiar rock formations in the cliffs. We took a brief stay at the beach where the waves were particularly big. This is actually an ideal camping area for any members who wish to look for a place where they can have a good time with their friends and family in future. After the break, we took a 15 minute ascent with a flight of stairs before reaching the destination Shui Hau.





Most of us took the bus back to Tung Chung and back to Central by MTR. Some members chose to head back to Mui Wo to take the ferry. All of us enjoyed the day's outing. Thanks to Ted and Ada who sent me their wonderful pictures and I have taken the liberty to include them in my report here.