



## Over 1,500 participants join Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 on Lantau Island

(Hong Kong, 16 January 2011) More than 1,500 nature lovers today showed their support for conservation by participating in the Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011. They were joined by the Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, who encouraged participants to promote the distinctive natural and historical attractions of Lantau.

Aimed at promoting health and conservation, the Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 took place at Tung Chung and Ngong Ping on Lantau Island. Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Mrs Lam said, "The Government was committed to implementing various initiatives on environmental protection and heritage conservation so as to foster a quality city for the people of Hong Kong."

A record number of teams participated in the Corporate Teams category, comprising representatives from corporations, organizations and government departments. The total number of corporate teams this year increased to more than 40.

Chairman of the Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association Mr Michael Wong Yick-kam said, "We are pleased to see a growing number of participants during the past few years. This event is very meaningful for promoting healthy outdoor activities at the family and community level."

Mr Y T Li, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360, said, "This is the fifth continuous year that the Ngong Ping Charity Walk has been organized at the Ngong Ping Trail. Participants can indulge in the blue and green natural environment at Ngong Ping 360. It is our pleasure to introduce the rich tourist attractions of Lantau to those who love nature and outdoor activities."

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Mrs Lam also toured the conservation exhibition at the Opening Ceremony and visited the YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel booth. She thanked the Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association for participating in the Revitalising Historic Buildings through Partnership Scheme of the Development Bureau to preserve and revitalise Mei Ho House into a distinct youth hostel.

Mrs Lam joined the fun-filled Charity Walk with a group of primary and secondary students. Starting at Tung Chung Town Centre, the eco tour stopped at the Tung Chung Fort that has been on Lantau for more than 200 years and the stone-house village of Shek Mun Kap.

Event Ambassador of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 Miss Sandra Ng Kwan-yu cheered on the participants. Miss Ng said the Charity Walk was valuable for parent-child bonding and education. "The Ngong Ping Charity Walk is a meaningful family activity, which allows parents to share a day out with kids and to appreciate historical architecture and the beauty of nature. It is really an interesting outdoor classroom for learning about our heritage and ecology."

The officiating guests at the Opening Ceremony included Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Secretary for Development; Mr Michael Wong Yik-kam, Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association; Mr Y T Li, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360; Miss Sandra Ng Kwan-yu, Event Ambassador of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011; Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze and Mr Chung Kin-man, Honorary Advisor, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011; Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Vice Chairman of Islands District Council; and Mr Terry Liu, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2010.

For event details, please visit designated website <http://npcw.yha.org.hk>; or call the Charity Walk hotline: 2788 1638.

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1. Charity Walk for Conservation – Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Secretary for Development (6<sup>th</sup> left); Mr Michael Wong Yik-kam, Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association (7<sup>th</sup> left); Mr YT Li, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360 (5<sup>th</sup> left); Miss Sandra Ng Kwan-yu, Event Ambassador of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 (5<sup>th</sup> right); Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, Honorary Advisor, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 (1<sup>st</sup> left); Mr Chung Kin-man, Honorary Advisor, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Vice Chairman of Islands District Council (2<sup>nd</sup> left) officiating at the Opening Ceremony.



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- Participants of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2011 enjoy a healthy and meaningful day out on scenic green Lantau Island.



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3. Touring a conservation exhibition at the Charity Walk, Mrs Carrie Lam (middle) was briefed about the design concept and progress of the project by Dr Joseph Ting, former Chief Curator of the Hong Kong Museum of History (1<sup>st</sup> left).



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