



Nature lovers step out to support environmental protection on Lantau Island

(Hong Kong, 8 January 2012) In supporting the promotion of environmental protection and conservation, nature-lovers today took up the challenge to walk along the Ngong Ping Trail and experienced various attractions on Lantau, by joining the Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012 co-organized by Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association and Ngong Ping 360.

About 1,000 participants, ages ranging from 6 to 75, stepped out at the Charity Walk that took place at Tung Chung and Ngong Ping on Lantau Island today. The funds raised at the Charity Walk will go to Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association in supporting their youth programmes and operations.

The enthusiastic donors were joined by the Secretary for Development Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, who was the officiating guest at the Opening Ceremony. Mrs Lam remarked that the Government was devoted in protecting our nature and preserving our heritages, at the same time improving the living environment of the people in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Chairman of the Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association Mr Michael Wong Yick-kam said, "We are pleased to see the overwhelming responses from the participants, particularly in a diverse range, kids and elders, local and from other regions, physical challengers, corporate and individuals. Special thanks are dedicated to the generous support from our partners and sponsors. There is no doubt you all played an important role to make the Ngong Ping Charity Walk a success."

Mr Wilson Shao, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360, said, "Ngong Ping 360 is a perfect easy getaway from the hustle and bustle of the city, as well as enjoying the nature beauty and attractions on Lantau Island. We are honored to introduce the stunning 'blue and green' natural environment and healthy activities in the vicinity through organizing the Charity Walk along the Ngong Ping Trail for the sixth year. "

Event Ambassador Ms Sandra Ng Kwan-yu cheered the participants at the Opening Ceremony today. "I always enjoy appreciating the beauty of nature. Ngong Ping Charity Walk provided a very good opportunity for families with kids to spend a healthy day out and get pleasure from the spectacular landscapes in a meaningful way," said Ms Ng.

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Hong Kong Tri-athlete representatives and Event Ambassadors Mr Daniel Lee Chi-wo and Miss Tania Mak remarked the specially-designed routing of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012, up to Lantau Peak and along the Ngong Ping Trail, an unique challenge for physically challengers hiking up to some 500 metres above sea level.

Mrs Lam and guests joined the Charity Walk after the Opening Ceremony. Along the Charity Walk, the guests appreciated the heritages and nature attractions including Tung Chung Fort, which has stood on Lantau for more than two centuries, the stone-house village of Shek Mun Kap and the refreshing environment of the North Lantau Country Park.

To add more fun to the Charity Walk, a Vintage Costume Contest was held for the Leisure 8km group. Participants of all-age were dressed up with fabulous vintage clothing to enhance the theme of heritage conservation. Two new prizes, namely Best Vintage Costume and Best Team Costumes were awarded to the winners today at the Opening Ceremony.

The officiating guests at the Opening Ceremony included Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Secretary for Development; Mr Michael Wong Yik-kam, Chairman of Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association; Mr Wilson Shao, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360; Miss Sandra Ng Kwan-yu, Mr Daniel Lee Chi-wo, Ms Tania Mak So-ning, Event Ambassadors of Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012; Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, Honorary Advisor; Mr Chung Kin-man, Hiking Expert and Honorary Advisor; Ms Chau Chuen-heung, Vice Chairman of Islands District Council; and Mr Terry Liu, Chairman of Organizing Committee, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012.

For details of the Charity Walk, please visit the designated website <http://npcw.yha.org.hk> or call the Charity Walk hotline at (852) 2788 1638.

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1. The officiating guests at today's Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012 Opening Ceremony included Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Secretary for Development (6th from left); Mr Michael Wong Yik-kam (7th from left), Chairman of Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association; Mr Wilson Shao, Managing Director of Ngong Ping 360 (5th from left); Miss Sandra Ng Kwan-yu, Event Ambassador; Ms Chau Chuen-heung (3rd from right), Vice Chairman of Islands District Council; and Mr Terry Liu, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012.



2. About 1,000 enthusiastic participants enjoyed their journey at the Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2012.



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- At the conservation exhibition of the Charity Walk, members of the Mei Ho House Alumni Network shared with the guests stories about the old living.



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