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Jockey Club Water Initiative on Sustainability and Engagement (JC-WISE)

“My River My Community” Scheme

Workshop and Field Trip for Tuen Mun River Catchment

Abstract:

Designed specifically for teachers, this workshop will introduce the historical development of irrigation reservoirs in Hong Kong and the impacts of damming on rivers' landform and ecology. With the decline in agricultural activities in Hong Kong, most of our irrigation reservoirs had lost their original function. This workshop will also explore how we should make use of these obsolete water infrastructures effectively to restore the multiple functions of rivers. A guided field trip to the Tuen Mun River begins at natural stream section to introduce features of the upper course valley, and then to the Lam Tei Irrigation Reservoir. The field trip will end at a midstream section of the Tuen Mun River where the Drainage Services Department had plans for river revitalisation project. Speakers will use the revitalisation plans for Tuen Mun River as an example to discuss issues with Hong Kong's river management policy.