

Hong Kong Geography Day 2012

The challenge of sustainable cities: Economic development, the environment, and quality of life

**24 November 2012 (Saturday)
Hong Kong Baptist University**

The Department of Geography of the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and the Hong Kong Geographical Association (HKGA) cordially invites you to the Hong Kong Geography Day 2012, to be held at the HKBU campus on Saturday 24 November 2012.

Hong Kong Geography Day is the most important event of the geography education and research community in Hong Kong. It is held every other year and hosted in rotation by the three geography departments of HKBU, HKU, and CUHK.

Geography Day aims at being a forum where Geography scholars, academics and post-graduate students can discuss their latest research output. As such, a number of parallel sessions will be organised during the morning and afternoon. However, Geography Day is also an opportunity to extend geography education among Secondary School students, and a number of educational events, as well as a fieldtrip, will be organised for Secondary School teachers and students. In recent years, a large number of Secondary School teachers and students took part in the event. This year we expect the participation of 800 to 1,000 people.

Mr. Jimmy Leung, Director of the Planning Department of the Government of Hong Kong SAR will deliver the opening speech.

Theme

The main theme of this year's Geography Day is *The challenge of sustainable cities: Economic development, the environment, and quality of life*. The event will address and highlight the variety of issues that geographers of Hong Kong and Guangdong province study when addressing the social, environmental, and economic challenges associated with sustainable urban spaces.

Sessions

In addition to the opening session addressed by Mr. Jimmy Leung, the event will also include the following highlights:

- **Presentations** by faculty, as well as research students, on topics closely related to the theme.
- **Post-graduate Students' Paper and Poster Competition** which is open to all research students in geography. This will be a special event to mark Hong Kong Geography Day. It will also provide an opportunity for students to present their research topics, contents, and major findings.
- **Computer Application Workshop for Secondary Schools** by Prof. Matthew Pang, providing a hands-on experience on basic computer application softwares (Google maps, GIS techniques, and Field Data Collection with GPS, iPad, iPhone)
- **Talks** by Prof. Chi Chung Lam, Mr Kim Wai Ip, Mr Ming Hui Sze, Mr. Kam Fai Wong, and Mr Kam Chuen Yeung on 教好「可持續發展城市」, 考好「可持續發展城市」.
- **Guided Fieldtrip for Secondary School Teachers** to Sha Tau Kok, organized by Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field Studies Centre.
- **Open House of Geography Department** which will familiarize visitors with geography education and research at HKBU.
- **Exhibitions** by three geography departments of HKBU, HKU, and CUHK to introduce geography programs; and by relevant government departments, NGOs, and other organizations to display their work related to geography, and employment opportunities for geography graduates.
- **The reunion** of the big geography families of Hong Kong and Guangzhou.

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Tentative Program

9:00 - 10:00 Opening ceremony and keynote speech by Mr. Jimmy Leung

10:00 - 10:15 Presentation of prizes to winners of the International Geography Olympiad and the best papers and posters by graduate students

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break

Secondary School Program

10:30 - 10:45 Introduction of the three Geography Departments in Hong Kong

10:45 - 11:45 Secondary School session A (by Chi Chung Lam and Colleagues): 教好「可持續發展城市」, 考好「可持續發展城市」

11:45 - 12:45 Secondary School Session B (by Matthew Pang): *Geography Apps for the Classroom*

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:30 Secondary School fieldtrip to Sha Tau Kok

University Staff and Students Program

10:30 - 12:45 Presentations (Parallel Sessions)

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Important Date for Secondary Schools: 1 Nov. 2012 (Thursday)

Online registration at <http://www.hkga.org> for:

- Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speeches
- Talk 教好「可持續發展城市」, 考好「可持續發展城市」 and Workshop *Geography Apps for the Classroom*
- Guided Fieldtrip to Sha Tau Kok for Secondary School Teachers

Venue

**AAB 201, Academic and Administration Building
15 Baptist University Road, Hong Kong Baptist University**

Registration

<http://www.hkga.org/>

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