

CEE Students participating in Lai Chi Wo Project

Construction in Hong Kong rural areas has often gone unnoticed. The Sustainable Lai Chi Wo Programme attempted to bring in cross-disciplinary collaboration to rejuvenate the rural village. How did engineering help to contribute? Recommended by Dr. Wing-tat Hung of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Industrial Centre has conducted a summer programme in August, 2016, with 80 engineering students constructing two agricultural tents and a small-scaled hydroelectric power plant. After Dr. Hung's retirement, Dr. Barbara Siu led another group of students to renovate roads and building roofs to keep renovating the village.



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Working in Lai Chi Wo, students can get into the community and know about the traditional local culture. They learned how to respect nature, lived in villagers' home and lived a local life, other than just the application of their engineering knowledge. Lai Chi Wo inspired them that some low-budget engineering designs could already greatly improve the living conditions of villagers, such as some small-scaled power plant and water and sewage facilities.



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