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SITE VISIT:

EXPERIENCE THE CHARM OF VERNACULAR VILLAGES:

THE EVOLVING CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF YIN KONG AND LONG VALLEY



Date: 18 May 2025 (Sunday)

Time: 10:00 am to 13:00 pm

Speaker: Mr. Caspar Yam, Ms. Katie Chick, Yin Kong Indigenous Villager Mr. Robert Hau,
and AFCD Representative

Venue: Yin Kong – Nature Park – Ho Sheung Heung

(Meeting point: Long Valley Plaza
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/RaMiq5nRUmsH974S7>)

CPD Points: 3 CPD credit hours

Language: Cantonese

Fee: HK\$240 for HKICON Members, HK\$320 for HKICON Friends, HK\$150 for
HKICON Student Members and HK\$350 for non-HKICON Members.

Limited to 25 participants. Registration for friends and Non-Members opens on
7 May 2025.

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About the CPD:

The Hau clan, one of the Five Great Clans of the New Territories, originated in Long Valley thousands of years ago. Yin Kong, a Hau village, is first mentioned in the late eighteenth-century Gazetteer of Xi'an County. Yin Kong, along with nearby Ho Sheung Heung and Kam Tsin, exemplifies typical Feng Shui farming villages of the indigenous Punti/Wai Tau (本地/圍頭人). At the heart is Long Valley, the most intact historical farmland landscape in Hong Kong, linked to the indigenous community. The conservation of Long Valley is a leading example of successful landscape preservation in Hong Kong. The establishment of the Long Valley Nature Park in 2024 highlights the growing importance of protecting cultural landscapes.

This Site Visit explores the deep connection between villagers and their landscape, along with government and civil society's conservation efforts over recent decades. Guided by our knowledgeable members, Caspar Yam and Katie Chick, participants will embark on a Nature Park tour led by the AFCD and local villager Mr. Robert Hau, who will share insights into the villagers' initiatives to preserve their cultural heritage.

About the Speakers:

Mr. Caspar Yam

Caspar Yam is a heritage practitioner with track record in both urban and rural conservation. He had a research project on Yin Kong Village funded by the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust with result published as the book "The Swallow Comes Home: The Heritage of Yin Kong". Beyond practice, he holds teaching positions at the University of Hong Kong and the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, and serves as a member of the Antiquities Advisory Board.

Ms. Katie Chik

Katie Chick serves as the Assistant Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance at the University of Hong Kong. Her academic expertise encompasses heritage and nature conservation. She has led various cultural landscape management and rural revitalization projects in Hong Kong. Previously, she worked as a conservation manager for an NGO focused on Long Valley, where she conducted extensive research on the area's natural and cultural resources.

