Lantau Conservation Fund 2022-2023 approves 15 projects

The Sustainable Lantau Office (SLO) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department announced today (November 3) that 15 projects were approved in the 2022-2023 round of the Lantau Conservation Fund (LCF), involving a total amount of about \$50 million.

The projects approved include two conservation management agreement projects in Yi O and Luk Wu respectively, five research projects, and eight education and engagement projects. They cover biodiversity, animal ecology, farmland ecology, terrestrial vegetation ecosystems, village culture, religious culture and coastal defence history.

The \$1 billion LCF provides financial support to eligible organisations and post-secondary education institutions to conduct research and education and engagement projects, or to carry out conservation and related projects on Lantau in collaboration with local communities and landowners. It aims to raise community awareness of the conservation of Lantau and engage the community to put conservation into practice, so as to foster a sustainable quality living environment. A total of 46 projects of about \$140 million have been approved since the inception of the LCF in 2020.

The LCF will accept applications for the 2023-2024 round by the end of this year. For details of the LCF, application results and next round of applications, please visit the LCF's website (<u>www.lcf.gov.hk</u>) and the SLO's Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/lantauhk</u>), or call 2153 2739.