

Ngong Ping attraction "Wisdom Path" upgrades facilities to enhance visitors' travel experience (with photos)

The "Wisdom Path", one of Ngong Ping's attractions, has recently undergone improvement works with new facilities such as a commemorative plaque for the late Professor Jao Tsung-I, a site map, benches, QR codes to allow easy access to the updated site information on the web, as well as improved trails and directional signage to bring more convenient, comfortable and fulfilling travel experience to members of the public and tourists.

"Visitors can better understand the history and background of the 'Wisdom Path' from the commemorative plaque which displays the biography and academic achievements of the late Professor Jao. They can also scan the QR codes on the newly-added facilities and viewing platform with their mobile phones, which will redirect them to the website of the Tourism Commission on the attraction," a Tourism Commission spokesman said today (June 23).

To tie in with the improvement works, the website has been revamped with new design and content with graphic illustration to introduce the "Wisdom Path".

"We would like to express special gratitude to the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole of the University of Hong Kong and the Jao Studies Foundation for their assistance in the improvement works and the provision of the late Professor Jao's calligraphy and painting masterpieces. We have incorporated them into the design of the newly-added commemorative plaque and site map for visitors' appreciation," the spokesman said.

The late Professor Jao Tsung-I donated his original calligraphy featuring the "Prajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra" (Heart Sutra) to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2002. The calligraphy was reproduced in the form of a large-scale outdoor wood inscription on a natural slope at the foot of Lantau Peak near Ngong Ping of Lantau Island. The timber columns, erected according to the mountain slope and integrated with the nature, became a unique large-scale outdoor art piece and was named as the "Wisdom Path". Since its opening in May 2005, the "Wisdom Path" has become one of the top tourist attractions on the Lantau and has been welcomed by members of the public and visitors.

The improvement project for the "Wisdom Path" was undertaken by the Tourism Commission in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department, the Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department and the Islands District Office. For more details about the "Wisdom Path", please visit the website www.tourism.gov.hk/wisdompath.

