

## Sustainable Community Renewal in Sham Shui Po: Creating Our Future Together

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### What is the project about?

The project aims at applying the concept of Local Agenda 21 in the neighbourhood renewal in Sham Shui Po. Sham Shui Po is one of the old districts in Hong Kong. In recent decades, Sham Shui Po has faced challenges socially, environmentally and economically, which make it difficult to fully maximize its strengths. Sham Shui Po is in need of renewal. It is hoped that the project would improve the community's livelihood with regard to social, environmental and economic aspects, eventually leading to a sustainable community. The project's objectives are to –

- develop a vision for Sham Shui Po and rebuild a sense of community and belonging;
- strengthen the social capital in Sham Shui Po;
- identify and preserve the local characteristics; and
- involve the local community in decision making and work in partnership with other local organizations and agencies.

### Activities and Progress

In August 2005, a website ([www.sustainssp.org.hk](http://www.sustainssp.org.hk)) was set up to promote our project and share our experience in building a sustainable community.

In October 2005, we organized the first Community Workshop for Sham Shui Po residents, providing them with a communication platform to address local problems. We also arranged two street exhibitions to promote Sham Shui Po's characteristics.

From December 2005 to January 2006, we organized a "Electrical Appliances Recycling Month" activity, during which second-hand electrical appliances were given to the elderly and the poor in Sham Shui Po.

From January to April 2006, we launched school workshops for primary and secondary students on the topic of sustainable community. Students were involved in our "SD Youth Ambassador" programme to promote Sham Shui Po and the SD concept.

### Future Plan

1. Recruit volunteers and provide training;
2. Arrange Green Fair to exhibit students' projects and their achievements during school workshops;
3. Recruit participating schools for the school workshops in 2007;
4. Organise a series of green workshops for local residents to arouse their awareness of environmental protection.



在鴨寮街舉行的街頭展覽  
Street Exhibition in Aply Street

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