

"My River, My Community" Scheme

# International Symposium on Water Sustainability

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#### **About HKGA**

- founded in 1969
- a member of the International Geographical Union
- an Advisory Management Committee Member of Hong Kong Teachers' Centre
- aims of promoting interest in, stimulating teaching of, and cultivating research about Geography

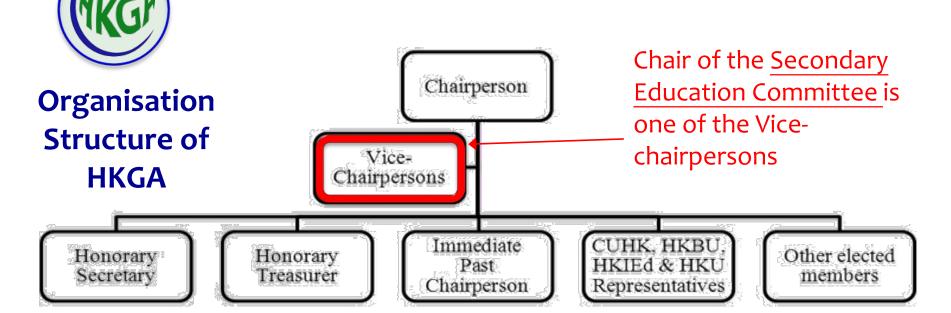


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**Executive Committee** 

Secondary Education Committee Tertiary Education and Research Committee

Field Trip Committee

Publicity and Publication Committee

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30 JUL - 5 AUG 2019

The International Geography Olympiad will be conducted in Hong Kong in 2019 when students and teachers from places all over the world will come to Hong Kong for interchanges with our students and teachers.

6TH INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

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The event is co-organized by:

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Managing River

Environment: A

continuing challenge

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#### My River, My Community (7 rivers):

- (1) Shan Pui River;
- (2) Kam Tin River;
- (3) Lam Tsuen River;
- (4) Sheung Yue River;

- (5) Tung Chung River;
- (6) Lai Chi Wo River;
- (7) Ng Tung River

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#### My River, My Community:

- Professional guided field-trips to rivers
- 2. GIS-based Database
- 3. River Stories

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#### **DSE GEOGRAPHY curriculum**

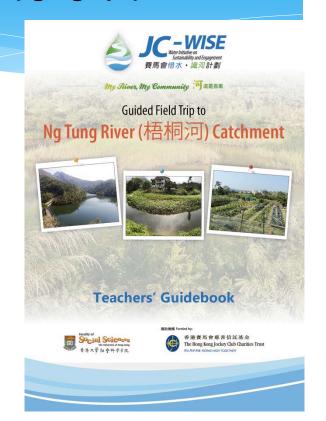
Managing River Environment – A continuing challenge (compulsory module)

- Interaction of physical & human factors in shaping the surface of our Earth
- Management issues arising from human interference in fluvial environment
- Field study on river (enquiry field study)

**Secondary Geog. Education DSE Curriculum Managing River Environment:** A continuing challenge

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- (1) Professional guided field study for teachers to the 7 rivers:
  - **Train-the-trainers:** Training for geography teachers
  - Train geography teachers on: How to conduct field study for senior secondary students

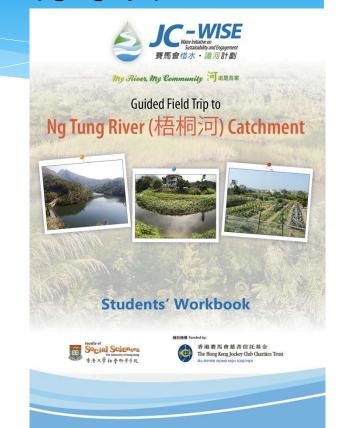


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(1) Professional guided field study for teachers to the 7 rivers:

#### For each river, we conduct:

- Training workshops; and
- Field trips, with
- Teachers' Guidebook (bilingual version)
- Students' Workbook (bilingual version)



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(1) Professional guided field study for teachers to the 7 rivers:

Ng Tung River: An example

Relevance to the DSE GEOGRAPHY curriculum

This field study is related to:

- \* Managing River Environment A continuing challenge; and
- \* Agriculture: Combating Famine Is technology a panacea for food shortage?

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Ng Tung River: An example

#### **Learning objectives**

- \* To examine how **fluvial processes** vary along the **three courses** of the river;
- \* To study alteration of the natural environment by **river management** strategy; and
- To investigate how Ng Tung River irrigate and help the farmland of Hok Tau area.

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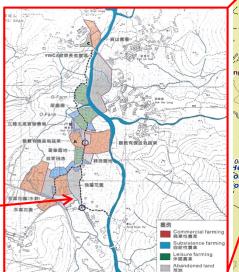
How does Ng Tung River help the cultivation of Hok Tau

area?



Enquiry field study

Water \_\_\_ sampling point



The field site

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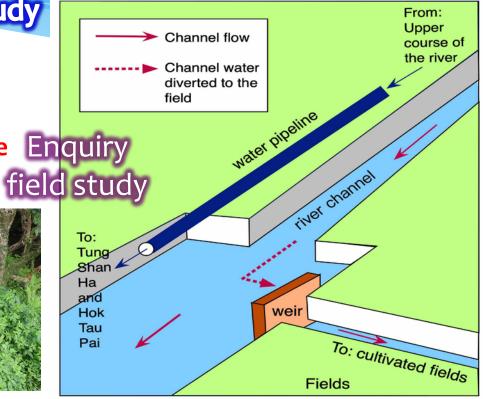
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(1) Professional guided field study for teachers to the 7 rivers:

• Training workshops

• Field trips

Useful & helpful for teachers
Highly praised by teachers



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## (2) Seminars and workshops:

e.g. HK Geography Day 2018 Secondary School Talk

Highlight the field-based question for HK DSE Geography Examination

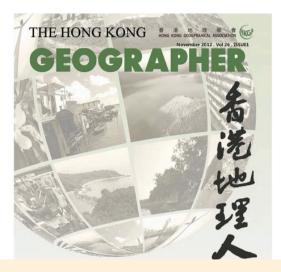
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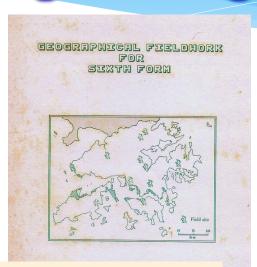


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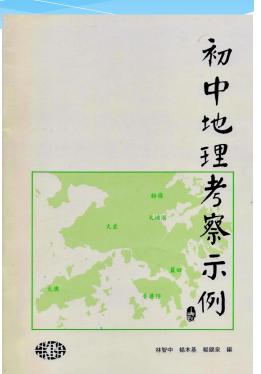
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## (3) Publication of learning-&-teaching materials:





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(4) Interactive GIS-based learning-&-teaching resources:

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- Features & functions
- Fluvial processes and vers@HK
  - landforms
- Rivers in HK

https://www.socsc.hku.hk/ jcwise/gis-based-database/

the establishment of an database on Hong Kong's major rivers multiple values of water. The database major rivers and river basins including the historical, geo-physical, hydrological and socio-economic data.





Fluvial Landforms

Fluvial Processes and Landforms

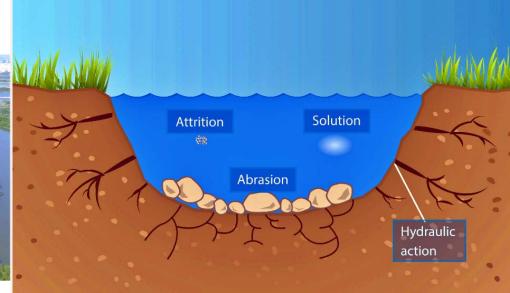
Fluvial Processes

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(4) Interactive GIS-based learning-&-teaching resources:

**GIS-based Database – some examples** 





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(4) Interactive GIS-based learning-&-teaching resources:



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Interactive GIS-based learning-&-teaching resources:



Catchment



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- resources
- Useful for classroom teaching & students' self-study

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## **Looking forward**

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Phase 2

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#### My River, My Community --- 3 more rivers:

- (1) Shing Mun River;
- (2) Tuen Mun River; and
- (3) A river in urban area

#### Adopting a river --- by secondary schools

Adopting a river nearby the school

Collaboration with other institutions: collaborating e.g. Field Studies Centres partner



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