

Environmental Research, Technology Demonstration and Conference Project

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Project Scope:	<p>The mission of the Crustacean Society is to advance the study of all aspects of the biology of the Crustacea by promoting the exchange and dissemination of information throughout the world. The Crustacean Society publishes The Journal of Crustacean Biology which is published a year by Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Each and every year The Crustacean Society meets with other societies from all around the country to talk about the state of Crustacea and to further academic study of Crustacea. TCS2019 was the first international conference organised in Hong Kong that is solely dedicated to crustacean research. It included several plenary lectures, symposia, oral presentation sessions, poster sessions, and tailor-made workshops for local students and conservation practitioners from academia, government, NGOs and private sector. Field trips to sites of biological interest in Hong Kong were arranged to introduce the local fauna and habitats. TCS2019 strengthened international collaborations on crustacean research in Hong Kong, and served to increase the leverage of influence of scientific research in the fields of ecology and biodiversity in supporting local conservation efforts. Through knowledge exchange, the prestigious annual global conference promoted biodiversity conservation in Hong Kong and raised the profile of Hong Kong as a leading green city. Local scientists and postgraduate students also took the opportunity to interact with researchers from around the world and present their own studies.</p>
Summary of the Findings/Outcomes:	<p>The Crustacean Society (TCS) Mid-Year Meeting (TCS2019) was successfully held at The Henry Cheng International Conference Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 26-30 May 2019. A total of 200 participants from 25 countries attended the conference.</p> <p>TCS2019 welcomed 144 international participants, where local scientists had the opportunity to share information and learn from the many regional experts that attended the conference. Six plenary lectures as well as 112 oral presentations and 57 posters were delivered throughout eight symposia,</p>

oral sessions and a poster session, covering a range of research topics including a heavy theme on conservation biology in crustaceans. Three training workshops were taught with many local participants including students and conservation practitioners from academia, government, and NGOs.

Several activities were integrated in the conference schedule promoting the local culture of Hong Kong in an interactive environment. These included a conference banquet held at Lamma Island, and two half-day conference excursions to the Mai Po Nature Reserve and Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park, where participants were introduced to the diverse habitats and rich local flora and fauna Hong Kong has to offer.