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Clean Sai Kung Waterfront

The Sai Kung waterfront is at the heart of Sai Kung.

The waterfront encompasses the port of Sai Kung, the promenade, the boat shelter area, the pier and the seawaters around the breakwater.

The waterfront plays an important part of Sai Kung Town in terms of its functionality and outdoor characteristic. The waterfront is the centre of Hong Kong's outdoor seafood eating environment and is the regions boating community's gateway to the outer islands within Port Shelter and beyond.

A poll carried out by Friends of Sai Kung (11-25 July 2004) found that of the 243 people questioned, promenade strolls and boating were the most popular activities undertaken by the majority of Sai Kung residents and visitors alike (Hong Kong residents).

In the same poll over 80% said that the overall cleanliness of the waterfront affected the economy of Sai Kung. 90% of those polled reported visible forms of pollution in the water including plastic bags and 'other' rubbish.

Besides its main function as a port to harbour boats, seawater is directly taken from the shelter area for adjacent fish tanks at the local seafood restaurants and seafood vendors. This is at the very least, unhygienic, if not a possible health hazard.

In association with the community stakeholders, Friends of Sai Kung initiated a plan to carry out a Community Action Project – 'CLEAN SAI KUNG WATERFRONT' – an initiative to revitalise and improve the water quality of Sai Kung".

This project pulled together a series of recommendations that included measures to be implemented to improve the overall water quality (some of which have been implemented) and to hold the community accountable for it's sustainability. This project took a proactive approach to include stakeholder participation as a core process in establishing the most appropriate measures that would be agreed and carried out effectively by the stakeholders.

As part of the tourism study done in Autumn 2007 the results of the 2004 survey were confirmed. Further work is necessary to enhance Sai Kung touristic offer. If you are interested in this project or would like to comment please send us an email : info@friendsofsaikung.org