

## Tidy Up, Bring It Back!

### Reduce and pack out your waste when visiting the countryside

The amount of waste collected within country parks in Hong Kong reached 3800 tonnes between 2014-2015, being close to the record set in 2003-2004 right after SARS hit Hong Kong. Green groups and government authorities urged countryside visitors to take all their trash home to reduce pressure on the environment and the management system.



E&B alumni Elaine Yuen, who represented the alliance of green groups which launched the “Tidy up, Bring it back” campaign last month, together with representatives of the Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and hiking groups, talked about waste reduction and treatment when visiting the countryside on TVB program “Pleasure and Leisure”.





Leaving waste in the countryside not only pollutes the environment, but also increases the workload of frontline staff, especially those who need to clean up remote areas which are inaccessible by vehicles. AFCD is thus trying to reduce the amount of litter bins along long hiking trails, hoping people will develop the habit of packing out their own waste.



People are encouraged to bring 5 tools, including durable water bottles, handkerchiefs, food containers, portable ash trays for smokers and bags for packing out any trash created to reduce the amount of waste left in the countryside.

