



悼念敬愛的
吳祖南博士

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DR CHO-NAM NG

FROM

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

MAY2020



TABLE OF CONTENT

EULOGY AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON 18 JANUARY, 2020.....P1-2

FROM HKU COLLEAGUES.....P3-10

FROM HKU STUDENTS.....P11-32

FROM FRIENDS OUTSIDE HKU.....P33-46



Eulogy at the Memorial Service on 18 January, 2020 by Professor PC Lai, Acting Head, Department of Geography

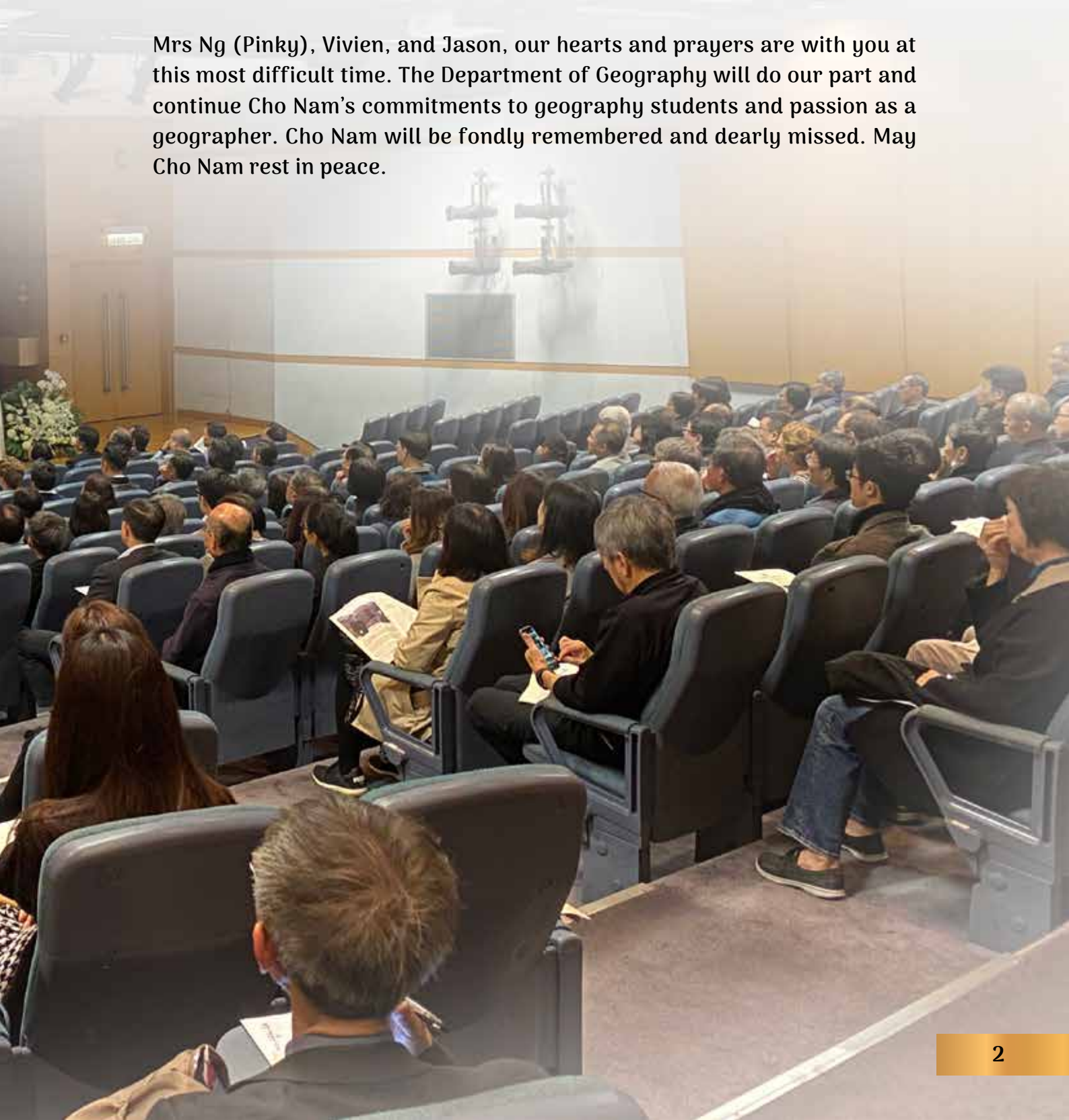
As we are gathered here to say goodbye to Dr. Ng Cho Nam, I represent the Department of Geography to say a few words in celebration of his life. Dr. Ng, or Cho Nam as we know him by, had been a colleague for more than 20 years. He was a dedicated environmentalist and a visionary who was brilliant, innovative and creative. As such, he contributed much in moving Hong Kong towards sustainable development.

Cho Nam generously gave us his knowledge, his expertise, his skills. He was a walking encyclopedia of Hong Kong. He always had stories or anecdotes about places in Hong Kong, such as Long Yuen wetlands, Lai Chi Wo, birds niche, and changing river ecology. His opinions about geography and education systems in Hong Kong were progressive and inspirational. His students and some colleagues have commented that if anyone lacks ideas about research topics on environmental conservation and sustainable development, talking to Cho Nam will surely spark new thoughts.



In his career as an educator and a conservationist, Cho Nam worked with passion, integrity and energy. By his death, all the people who knew him will miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual with a rare friendliness and charm of personality. Cho Nam had deep interests in protecting natural resources of Hong Kong. He was deeply concerned with improving geographical skills of students and he was very keen to innovate field methods. He initiated and organized many fieldtrips and training workshops.

Mrs Ng (Pinky), Vivien, and Jason, our hearts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. The Department of Geography will do our part and continue Cho Nam's commitments to geography students and passion as a geographer. Cho Nam will be fondly remembered and dearly missed. May Cho Nam rest in peace.







Message & Photographs from Becky P.Y. Loo 盧佩瑩*

Cho Nam, 工作上，我們擁有共同理念，追求共同的理想，并肩作戰，從不放棄！

地理學就是學人與大自然，人與人的和諧相處之道。

私底下，我們談在香港出生長大的大小故事，談今天的得來不易。

我們談人的渺小，談地理課程，談教育孩子，談培養下一代，談社會的變遷，談天說地。。。

在努力爭取改善社會時，我們以協作為本，積極貢獻為榮。

您的努力已成為眾人的好榜樣，

香港大學地理系會懷念你。

日後，讓我們繼續積極面對問題，追求人與大自然，人與人的和諧相處之道。



* Professor Becky P.Y. Loo is Head of the Department of Geography.



2000



2012





Message & Photographs from 鄧淑明博士

吳祖南博士是我非常敬佩的前輩，他一直是研究生物多樣性的先鋒、令人尊敬的殿堂級學者。我們曾一起共事於環境及自然保育基金，了解他對香港的環保研究及持續發展充滿熱誠，早已成為我的好榜樣，從他身上學習到環保對人類身心發展的重要性，讓我終生受用。盼望前輩能夠安息，你對教育的無私奉獻，我將銘記於心。



拍攝於2017年12月4日（星期一）在香港會議展覽中心舉行的香港大學社會科學學院金禧院慶晚宴，當時大家還一起暢談近況，實在是非常難忘的交流，令我獲益良多。



Message & Photographs from 呂德恒

我在九十年代讀大學時期，參加了生物學會觀鳥班，該觀鳥班的導師是吳祖南博士，是他引領我踏入觀鳥的旅途，成為我主要興趣。及後在香港觀鳥會都不時與吳博士接觸，但接觸不深。直至2016年，工作上有機會和吳博士合作，參與其「賽馬會惜水·識河計劃」，有很多合作的機會。吳博士對本地河流認識廣博，在河流保育和教育工作上貢獻良多，並樂於分享其見解。附上該計劃的一些照片，以紀念吳博士。





LEWIS T.O. CHEUNG

Dr. CN Ng is a role model for me in the field of environmental conservation and geography, he was my PhD internal examiner and I have my luck to be assigned as a teacher assistant of his courses while I did my PhD in the Department of Geography, HKU. We have a number of occasions to work together in different governmental committees and NGOs that moving forward environmental conservation, geography education in Hong Kong. The loss of Dr. Ng is not that we lost our best co-worker in the field of environmental conservation and geographical education, but also a good friend and teacher. Dr. Ng will always be in our minds and hearts. May Dr. Ng rest in peace.

PC LAI

你有敬業樂業的精神，你以助人為樂為宗旨！

May you rest in peace as memories of you live on.

TONY LAU

To begin with, please accept my condolence to Dr. Ng's family members and others who have acquaintance with him. I would also like to thank Dr. Ng for offering me an opportunity to work in his project team as a volunteer and as a Research Assistant under his supervision. It was of immense help to let me equip with skills and experience to face the challenges in my RA work. I will embark on a new journey as a research student at the beginning of the new decade, I shall express my dearest gratitude by putting my utmost effort to my studies. Without your help I couldn't have been reached this stage.

K.S. PUN

Dr. Ng was a very good personal friend. When he was young, based on his own experience, he gave my wife and I a great deal of advice and encouragement when my wife was sick. I had attended nearly most of his public lectures which were all most interesting and stimulating. His contributions to society is extremely significant. His passing is a great loss to Hong Kong.



Message & Photographs from Ray Wang

香港大學地理系有許多知名教授，我的PhD導師吳祖南博士是其中很特別的一位。吳博士祖籍順德，生長在香港，儘管與內地的學術圈來往不多，他卻是香港環保界家傳戶曉的專家。2019年12月13日16點06分，他永遠離開了他的家人，他的學生，他的朋友，還有他心愛的環保和公益事業。作為他的學生，我要寫一篇文章紀念我的導師。

十年前來到香港成為吳博士的學生，像是宿命。記得第一次在香港見面，我們講起這段過程，都說那是難得的緣分。當年的我名校情結深重，手握劍橋的錄取，便一心想申請留基委的獎學金赴英國讀書。吳博士電話面試時問我，“港大是不是你的第一選擇？”我就如實回答說不是。他後來告訴我：“我的同事都說我傻，讓我不要給你發offer，因為你不會來。但我覺得優秀學生就是會有很多選擇，你想去劍橋也可以理解，我還是要把我的offer給你。”收到港大的錄取之後是漫長的等待，而留基委冗長的評審程式無法讓我在港大的deadline之前得知獎學金的結果，最終我只能遺憾回復了decline，畢竟如果接受了offer又不去對吳博士更加不好。然而2009年7月我收到了留基委獎學金申請失敗的消息，由於之前拒掉了包括港大在內的所有offer，我在碩士畢業後便陷入一無所有的窘境。絕望時，我給吳博士寫了封郵件，問他是否還有回港大的可能。說實話，換我自己是他，恐怕也無法投入如此多的精力和資源幫助一個從未謀面卻又剛剛拒掉自己offer的學生。但吳博士很快回復了我，並費了很大的一番周折，恢復了這個offer。見面時他說，“七月份我本來要去非洲的，但出發前打疫苗有了不良反應留在香港住院，才有機會看到你的郵件”。是偶然，但更是他的善良和無條件信任，給了我第二次機會，也改變了我的人生軌跡。



作為導師，吳博士對我的具體學術指導並不多，但在我心中他卻完整展示了一個勤謹謙和的學者形象。我們之間的交流以普通話為主（儘管他的普通話並不好），表達不清時才結合英文和廣東話。在香港兩文三語的複雜語言環境中，他選擇了一種對自己最困難但對我最輕鬆的交流方式。入學時他問我是哪裡人，得知是洛陽之後就講起了80年代他和朋友們坐綠皮火車去洛陽的經歷。他說那時只有特定的酒店才能接待香港同胞，他拿著介紹信住在火車站旁邊的一家招待所裡，是冬天，特別冷。接著他就叮囑我，你要先安頓好生活，適應新的環境，然後才可以安心工作。後來，我們每次見面都像是這樣在分享各自的故事，很少談具體的文獻或寫作進度。例如他會告訴我最近去哪裡觀鳥，參與了哪項政府諮詢工作，荔枝窩的鄉村活化項目又有什麼新的發展等等。熟悉他的人都知道，他並不是一個典型的坐在辦公室寫論文的教授。他是民間環保團體長春社和香港觀鳥會的主要領導，也在不計其數的與可持續發展、自然保育相關的政府諮詢委員會中服務（香港的政府諮詢工作全是無償勞動）。為了表彰他對公益事業的卓越貢獻，他在2004年和2014年分別獲得了香港特區政府頒發的銅紫荊勳章和銀紫荊勳章。

正因為他營造的輕鬆氛圍，我們的會面始 像是朋友間的交流，而不是學生對老師的工作匯報。在他的包容下，我能夠天馬行空地思考自己的題目，也可以不停地犯錯而不被指責。其實，入學一年多以後我的博士開題就是個災難，我自信滿滿地講了一大堆，卻對一位師兄問得簡單方法問題一無所知。最終還是吳博士笑著為我圓場，說我只是拋出問題，以後還有機會去學習解決。事實證明，我確實在這個不斷犯錯、不斷學習、不斷糾錯的過程中成長，因為吳博士總是給予我足夠的寬容和鼓勵。儘管後來我的論文題目與他的專業方向越走越遠，他也從沒有想要糾正我什麼。他總是問我，你需要哪些幫助，而不是批評一個年輕人的自大和不著邊際的想像。





吳博士的豁達態度或許與他的抗癌經歷有關。大約在97年他被診斷出鼻咽癌，後來竟奇跡般治癒。他說當時治療試過西醫，試過針灸，也試過氣功，也不知是哪個手段起了作用。大病痊癒後，他投入了更多的時間和精力在公益事業上。他總說，博士是生活的一部分，與做人和家庭相比，學術只是工作而已。所以在香港的七年中，我總是感受到他生活上的照顧。例如我讀書時趕上了08年金融危機後香港樓價快速上漲，他總會問我獎學金夠不夠用；在提交博士論文後獎學金中斷的空檔期，他也會努力找來經費讓我做研究助理以維持生計。我的師姐和師妹都在博士期間生了小孩，他不僅沒有以生孩子耽誤學業為理由為難學生，還精心為小朋友送上禮物（雖然是師母挑選的）。我在香港領證結婚時，他忙前跑後給我們照相，像一個專業的攝影師而不是大學教授。來到中山大學工作後，他每次到廣州探親，也都會與我見面聊天，還像以前一樣談談那些有趣的事。除了對生活的關心，他還常拿出自己的故事與我們分享。於是我知道他在英國留學時追師母的秘訣是做飯多做一份，養育一對子女如此成功的秘訣是從不與師母吵架。他帶我走過了他長大的利源東街，我也在倫敦中國城吃過他推薦的旺記幹炒牛河。如果遇到什麼挫折或者不順利，他會笑著說一句THAT'S LIFE。於是一切糾結，憤怒，不甘和沮喪也就不再放在心上了。

作為可持續發展實踐的先驅，吳博士的工作中還凝聚著對自然和祖國山水的熱愛。他做環保，卻不極端。他講自己小時候跟姐姐一起帶著糧食回順德探親，還沒有羅湖邊檢的桌子高。隨後這幾十年，他看著自己的家鄉一天天富裕起來，開玩笑說自己已是家中最窮的那一個。快速發展帶來很多環境問題，但他會腳踏實地地說，原始社會最環保，重要的還是取得發展和保護的平衡。2010-2012年間的每個暑假，我們都帶領港大地理系的本科生去雲南開展兩周的野外實習。這是

一條新線路，又在內地，遠沒有英國曼徹斯特的實習路線受歡迎。他很為之遺憾，因為學生們通常都會再去英國，但雲南可能這輩子只有那一次機會。我們走過騰沖的國殤墓園，翻過高黎貢山，在蒼山下洱海旁的白族民居喝茶，也在麗江古鎮中喝酒唱歌；我們在香格里拉獨克宗古鎮火災前的藏族民居裡吃過火鍋，也在海拔四千多米的石卡雪山上徒步十四公里，欣賞堪比阿爾卑斯雪山的自然風光。吳博士說，中國這麼多的大好河山，這麼豐富的風土人情，才是最好的國情教育資源。後來我們無法繼續雲南的線路，又有機會在港大睿智計畫的資助下組織粵港兩地的環保組織開展交流和能力建設，依著兩地共同的水源地東江開展工作。我們還以東江水生態補償機制為題，申請到了香港研資局（相當於內地基金委）的項目。現在香港賽馬會資助的惜水識河計畫，也是由我們那時的工作延伸出來。這一切過程中，我都深深地被吳博士對自然的熱情所感染，而這些寶貴的經歷，也奠定了我今天在水治理領域的研究基礎。

這幾日在瑪麗醫院流了很多眼淚，但後來望著那些來探望吳博士的學生、同事和朋友，聽他們講以前的故事，我也能慢慢地消化那些悲傷的情緒。畢竟，他59歲的人生雖不算長，卻活得非常精彩。有誰能一輩子都在做自己有熱情和喜歡做的事呢？我為他驕傲，而且他的精神會在他的家人、學生和開創的事業中長存。我也會提醒自己，以他為榜樣，做個像他一樣善良、寬容、有同理心的老師。願吳祖南博士一路走好！在天堂裡一樣快樂！





2010JUN: YUNNAN FIELDTRIP



2015MAY: DONGJIANG FIELDTRIP

2011 JUN: YUNNAN FIELDTRIP



2014 DEC: GRADUATION CEREMONY



Message & Photographs from ATLAS

THE 63RD CABINET
GEOGRAPHICAL, GEOLOGICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SSS HKUSU
SESSION 2017-2018

We are saddened by the sudden passing of Dr Ng. Dr Ng was an inspiring teacher and role model for all of us and we are forever grateful for the lessons he taught us, both in geography and in life. It seems that it was only yesterday when we were the clueless and inexperienced freshmen who had little knowledge in geography and in how to promote it to our fellow society members. Dr Ng kindly offered guidance and continuous support, without which our cabinet's success would not be possible.

We first met Dr Ng back in the Department Christmas Party in 2017, during which we approached Dr Ng for advice on promoting geography to students and we were instantly intrigued by his enthusiasm to natural conservation and education. We had a delightful conversation where Dr. Ng shared his experience and thoughts, shedding light on how to organise field trips successfully. His field trip to Lam Tsuen River on 18 March 2018 was most successful, leading us through different sections of the river such as Chai Kek and Chuen Pei Lung. He enlightened us with his deep understanding and insightful opinions of river management in Hong Kong. It was one of the most successful field trips organised by our cabinet. We shall never forget the valuable lessons from and his never-yielding passion for teaching.

Impressed by Dr Ng's teaching during the field trip, the ten of us elected to take his course - GEOG2013 Sustainable Development - together.

He was always caring and helpful to students during and after lessons, providing timely feedback and further information on assignments and lecture contents. Despite his tight schedule, he generously spared his time for consultation on the projects for each group and to familiarise students with their respective topics. On top of that, he constantly emphasised that a geography student should not solely learn from theories and textbook knowledge. Therefore, he insisted to lead us to field trips to delve into the beauty of nature and appreciate the wonders of our world, regardless of the limited budget and his hectic schedule.

It was a pity that we could never have had the chance to have a beer with Dr Ng in England as promised. We sincerely thank you for the lessons you taught us and for your unreserved support for our society. Your kindness will be ingrained in our hearts forever and always. We shall take up what you taught us and contribute to our community without overlooking nature's beauty.





1 ST STAFF-STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE



2ND STAFF-STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE




INAUGURATION CEREMONY



CONT. MESSAGE & PHOTOGRAPHS
FROM ATLAS

Message & Photographs from Yu Xijun



I was shocked to learn of your passing. It is my deepest regret that I missed the chance to visit you for the last time. These days I try to recall every moment with you at HKU. Thank you for your kind supervision and help during my study at HKU. You are kind to the people around you and taught me how to work with power and passion. I will miss you forever. Hope you are well in paradise.

2004/04/06: FIELD TRIP TO MAI PO



2017/07/19: HKU



Message & Photograph from 蕭天情



我是今年UK FIELD TRIP的學生，去年也讀過DR. NG的GEOG3102。我是一個不怎麼起眼的學生，老師也大概不會記得我的名字。記得老師說過今年他來英國做我們的帶隊老師，家人都挺擔心的，但是他堅持來了。很感謝他為我們學生的付出，讓我們學會了很多知識，也為我們此行留下了一段美好的回憶。沿途老師跟我們講述了很多關於每個景點的資料和分享了一些他的個人看法，也經常跟我們聊天。有一次，老師在車上跟我們分享了他對於人生與快樂的看法，讓我印象挺深刻。他說如果讓自己快樂，我們應該有大大小小的目標和願望。每達成一個小目標，我們就會感到「小滿足」；每達成一個大目標，我們就會感到「大滿足」。假如我們只有一個像湖泊一樣大的目標，就永遠都很難感到快樂。我覺得這話說的很有道理。在旅程的最後一天，老師請了我們去附近的餐廳喝酒吃飯，跟我們聊了很多東西，比如他以前大學時期的趣事和從事環保工作的原因。在我眼中，老師是一位知識淵博、和藹可親、平易近人的老先生。謝謝老師。願老師您一路好走。



Message & Photograph from 廖學謙

謝謝DR NG對晚生的勉勵，雖然只是一程火車旅程的時間，但您對晚生的鼓勵，像是一個無盡的旅程！也許我未能再與您研究智能沙箱的精彩、以平板電腦收集香港河流的數據...但和您某早上行上一小段的考察，開始了以後一生也行不完的路，因為以後每次晚生帶學生進行的考察，彷彿有你在細細的看著。我會銘記您對地理的熱誠，繼續教出新一代的地理人。謝謝您，吳博士！



ALICE

多謝教導, 銘記於心, 一路好走!

TATSUNORI ANDO

We really appreciate your passion, and we will never forget your class. Please rest in peace.

ANSON

Thank you very, very much for your teaching. I will remember your messages and passion for protecting the environment. I am currently studying the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) course in my program - and I have just realized it was your effort to assist the establishment of EIA in 1997, to help safeguard the ecosystem in Hong Kong. I am very proud of your effort and I will try my best to sustain your wishes. Dr. Ng, Rest In Peace, and I will get your torch!

GRACE CHAN

Please convey my sympathy and my warm personal regards to all your family. Rest in peace.

CHAN HO YING

Sad to know you are leaving us. Thanks for teaching me my Master thesis.

May you rest in peace in heaven.

RENEE CHAN

Thank you, Dr Ng for your enlightening lectures and the enthusiasm in engaging us during lessons and field trips. Your passion to safeguard our environment in Hong Kong impacts your students' value and is long-lasting. After these many years, your voice is still vivid in my mind. You are deeply admired and respected.

RAINBOW CHAU

I will never forget the time spent with Dr. Ng in UK this summer. He was so knowledgeable, passionate and is willing to share everything to us. He still wanted to take students to uk in the next summer. It's a great loss for us to lose a great teacher.

MS SHERRY CHEUNG

Dr Ng好開心果年有機會跟你一齊去雲南考察，你既專業、教學、風趣會一一記響我個心入面！多謝你一直對保育界既貢獻！希望Dr Ng屋企人節哀順變，繼續努力生活！

FRANKIE CHO

I was shocked to learn of your passing. It is my deepest regret that I missed the chance to visit you for the last time. These days I try to recall every moment with you at HKU. Thank you for your kind supervision and help during my study at HKU. You are kind to the people around you and taught me how to work with power and passion. I will miss you forever. Hope you are well in paradise.

DESMOND L.M. CHOW

I had the pleasure to be your HKU student more than 25 years ago. You were the youngest lecturer at that time. You were also one of the most friendly and enthusiastic lecturers as well. We met again 20 years later. You were still an enthusiastic teacher, explaining to my secondary school's mentee about geography education at university level. You were also practical about some environmental issues in Hong Kong. It is a pity that you departed so early. But I am sure that your enthusiasm and practicality had already impressed upon the lives of many people. Although you had departed physically, your positive influence will be long lasting.

WILLIAM CHOW

I am deeply moved by your passion in the field of environmental protection. Your insights and experiences shared to us were enlightening. Thank you for your contributions..



JENNY CHOY

Rest in Peace

YEUNG BOZCO YIK CHUN

I would never forget your lessons and the time having Tofu Fa with you during site visit to New Territories North East in Year of 2014. Thank you for the effort you paid to share your valuable first-hand knowledge to us. Rest in Peace, Sir. Please don't worry too much on your son. Your son will be successful in the future and I will accompany him and witness his success for you.

JACK "BO" PO MAN CHUNG

An incredible professor, I initially took his class while being an exchange student in 2004. I was able to reconnect with him while doing the machds program in 2007-2008. I will be forever grateful for him introducing me to Yunnan, China. Through his love of nature and birds, I will always keep love for the environment and how beautiful China can be.

FUNG TAK YU ALEX

Dr Ng , thanks for your field trip , we are really inspired by your teachings

ASHLEY LAU

Thank you for being my professor. You are passionate and I learnt a lot from you, both knowledge and attitude to life. May you live in a world without pain.

CYNTHIA F. C. LAU

Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of Dr. Ng Cho Nam. He is a life fighter with the greatest respect from my bottom of my heart.

PEONY LAU

Dr. Ng is the most inspirational professor in the department. I can really feel his great passion in conducting the classes, nurturing the next generation with knowledge and mission. Rest in peace, the best professor in my hku journey.

CARMEN LEUNG

Dr Ng, Rest in peace.

JENNY LEUNG

Thank you for all your teaching.

LI YUK SHING

My condolences to your family. Rest in peace.

KRISTY LIU

May you rest in peace in heaven Dr. NG. Thank you for being my supervising professor for my individual capstone course - directed project in Geography. Although the directed project is still in progress, i promise i will do my best to complete it in order to continue your effort in bird conservation. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. We will surely miss the presence of a truly loveable and passionate person.

DAPHNE LUI

Dear Dr Ng, Thank you so much to organise interesting and wonderful field trips for us.



SL MA

Through joining Dr. Ng's lectures and field trips, his passion to conservation of the nature impressed me most. As a scholar, he is not just knowledgeable, but also gentle, friendly and humble. I greatly respect him and deeply appreciate what he has contributed to teaching and conservation of the nature. I'll always remember him for his kindness, his smiling face and his willingness to share. Thank you Dr. Ng!

SUZANNE MAK

Dear Dr Ng, may God bless you & may you rest in peace. I still remember enjoying your lectures and field trips led by you very much. Thanks for your effort in promoting environmental awareness in Hong Kong, you will always be remembered.

NG KA MAN

Dear Mr Ng, wish you rest in peace and all the best to your family.

MEIYU

Dear Ng Laoshi, rest in peace.

FRANCO PANG

Dear Dr Ng, the news of your passing came on this stormy day. My heart was as gloomy as the sky. I graduated from the department before you joined so we never got a chance to connect academically. Nevertheless, your commitment to environmental conservation and preservation was never far from my mind. Your perseverance and resilience to fight for what you believe was good for our environment were second to none. Your efforts would not be superseded; your legacy would not fade. I hope that your family will stay strong and be proud of what you'd achieved. Rest in peace.

SCARLET ROSETTA PHOENIX

The first time I attended Dr Ng's class, I knew it would be honour to learn under him. Not because of his qualifications but because they evidenced his almost endless devotion to conservation. It seemed like there wasn't EIA case study in HK that was untouched by him - they were not lectures so much as anecdotes because in some way, shape or form he was there: giving his input, conferring with others, helping to guide the right decisions on committees, and, when that didn't work, gathering compatriots to help express widespread support for the environment. He was humble enough to admit his mistakes, passionate enough to express the multiple perspectives and entertaining enough to teach with tongue-in-cheek commentary that made me laugh just as much as it made me learn. His passion was infectious and though conservation may not become my future there will always be a part of me who wishes to live as determinedly for it as he did. His experiences were a wealth of knowledge - for the environment, for decision-making, for people - and it saddens me that no student will be able to gain any more from them. Yet, even though he is gone from this world far too soon, I am comforted by the knowledge that his dedicated work will continue nonetheless because it is impossible that I am only one so inspired by everything he is. Dr Ng, the world was a far better place for you being in it and, I promise you, I'll do my best to follow your example. Rest in peace - I can think of no one who deserves it more.

WING TSANG

Dr. Ng, thanks for guiding us to know the beauty of our earth, and sharing your wisdom with us. Rest in peace.



DONALD WARD

Dr Ng is a passionate and inspirational geographer and teacher who, in this lifetime, has worked hard to protect and serve the community. It was an honour for me to be able to take his course. I still remember going on field trip with him where he always shares little stories to us for us to reflect on the current state of development. He said as a student, we might forget what was taught in the lesson but we will never forget what was learnt from the field trip. Even though it has been some time since I last joined his field trip, I still remember exactly what he said. It is a sad moment to see him leave and I will never forget him in my life. Rest in peace.

WINKI

Dr Ng is a really knowledgeable teacher who has inspired many of us. He is so caring and he devoted in teaching and environmental issues wholeheartedly. He had a huge responsibility to protect and conserve the environment of hong kong, and it is so kind of him to promote and insist on that even facing with lots of objection. Thank you so much, Dr ng.

IVY WONG

Thank you for all you have done for Hong Kong, especially on conservation and education. Rest in peace.

GARY WONG

It is very heartbreaking to know Dr. Ng passed away all of a sudden. I am very glad and proud to be one of his students and we learned a lot not only from his intimate knowledge in environmental aspect but also the positive attitude and friendliness. Deepest sympathies for his family and may Dr. Ng rest in peace.

XIE YUJING

Dr Ng, in my opinion, is the best teacher, friend and supervisor in the world. He gave me tremendous support during my Ph.D study, including supervising my thesis, teaching me how to face the suffering and pressure in my life, and helping me handle the Ph.D study and have my baby at the time. My whole family will miss him so much.

RICHARD YIM

Though I didn't have the chance to take a full course of Dr Ng, the moments I remember was Dr Ng entered the classroom as an expert speaker delivering a talk on the conservation in HK in 2005-6. Such was the last chance seeing him. May Dr Ng enjoy the deepest love of god in the haven.

PHOEBE YU

Dr Ng was my most respected professor in HKU. I first met him in his course GEOG3102. Being inspired by his lectures, I then decided to take every course he taught. He was patient, enthusiastic and extremely helpful to his students. I was fortunate enough to have him to be my teacher. Dr Ng will be missed forever.

YUNG WALTER

I was his student almost ten years ago. We had been to England for field trip during which Dr Ng shared with us his precious experience and ideas. He taught us what a true geographer is. We all love you Dr Ng.



Photographs from the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited



2015/11/24: SOFT LAUNCH



2016/04/21: OFFICIAL LAUNCH



2016/11/24:
1ST AGM



2018/05/24: 3RD AGM



2018/11/30: GREEN CONCERT



2018/09/05: CONSULTATION SESSION OPTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON LAND SUPPLY



2019/05/16: 4TH AGM



Photographs from the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency





Message & Photographs from the Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment

Memories are there to remind us of the great things you have delivered. Those will be remained deep in our heart, benefit us all in a sustainable way.

You will be deeply missed as an inspiring fellow member of HKIEIA, a faithful friend and a loving brother.

2006



2007



2008



2015



2016



2019



Message & Photographs from Su Bong Zen Monastery

Dr. Ng's time with us at Su Bong Zen Monastery was very precious to all of us. He was an avid advocate and defender of nature. He taught us to reconnect with nature and explained that appreciating nature is not just accumulating knowledge about it, but listening to the sounds of birds, the sounds of the trees, and the sounds of wind. He believed wholeheartedly that by experiencing the truth of nature, we can improve our minds and transform our patterns of thinking.

When Luk Wu (Deer Pond), a secluded area on Lantau Island with a collection of Buddhist hermitages and small temples, was at risk of being developed for commercial use, Dr. Ng offered his ardent support for preserving the area as a practicing place. Dr. Ng explained that "to enter a place in nature where there is a history of practice, one can feel the practicing energy here." He contributed expert advice to help us convince the government to preserve Luk Wu for Buddhist practice. We will always be deeply grateful to Dr. Ng for his protection of Luk Wu.

We were also inspired by Dr. Ng when he spoke on a panel at a film preview of the documentary, "Phra Pongsak Techadhammo -- A Forest Monk". Dr. Ng taught us that humans were originally connected with nature, but, today, we live in an age of disconnections, not just between humans and nature, but also between humans of different opinions. These disconnections, he explained, have given rise to many issues for our planet and in our society. Dr. Ng urged us to reconnect with nature and one another. He said that to reconnect with nature after damaging it is not easy, but if we don't reconnect with nature, then we won't care about it. He lauded the film's main hero, Phra Pongsak Techadhammo, a Thai forest monk and conservationist, for teaching the villagers of Chiang Mai how sustainable development can provide livelihood without damaging nature. We were very touched to hear these lessons that Dr. Ng drew out of the documentary.

Su Bong Zen Monastery would like to sincerely thank Dr. Cho-Nam Ng for his friendship, advice, and support over the past years. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and students. Dr. Ng was always willing to lend his expertise and wisdom whenever called upon. We will remember him as a humble, down-to-Earth, and earnest Protector of Nature.





Message from 長春社前主席熊永達

吳祖南博士，領導一代環保思潮的戰士，在2019年聖誕前猝逝，年不過六十，家人朋友悲痛，更令人無限惋惜。吳祖南歷任長春社、世界自然基金協會、觀鳥會及香港鄉郊基金的主要領導，特別是與塋原濕地和荔枝窩保育區的可持續發展密不可分，以他個人深厚的專業知識和對本地自然環境的鍾愛，影響了政府的自然保育政策和感召了一批又一批的學生。

說吳祖南領導一代環保思潮，並不過譽。他是科班出身，師承慈幼中學和英倫蘭開斯特大學（Lancaster University）的自然科學系，受到本地和英倫自然科學大師的薰陶，在學期間，踏遍香港的山谷河川，以及英倫的森林湖泊，對大自然由愛至連成一體，他最為人熟知的形象就是一個背囊、一對望遠鏡，一身綠色，走在田野和山嶺。

八十年代回港後，他主動全力投身自然保育工作，先在城市大學，繼而在香港大學施教，同時積極參與環保團體的工作，了解社會各持份者對保育大自然的觀點和立場，經過嚴謹的分析和判斷，逐漸形成自己對保育本港大自然的一套想法。他認為所有持份者都要有所得着，才可能保育香港的大自然，亦即是尋求官、商、民多方合作，而不是持續對抗，各持己見的方法，為各方提供完整資訊和專業知識，就是合作的潤滑劑，吳博士本人就是起着提供潤滑劑的角色。



絞盡心血保育塋原濕地

他在保育塋原濕地和荔枝窩古村的參與最深，這兩個保育項目對港府的保育政策，以致民間的保育策略都影響深遠。

塋原是如今落馬洲支線（上水至落馬洲）橫跨的一個平原，位於上水燕崗、松柏塋和河上鄉一帶。

塋原擁有香港僅有的淡水濕地，有豐富的生態資源，又是一個雀鳥天堂。7.4公里長的落馬洲支線，1994年原計劃在地上橫跨這平原，吳祖南博士聯同許多環保團體，提出有力的自然環境理據，認為要保育這塊土地，環評報告過不了關，鐵路公司最終建議用隧道方法貫穿這塊土地，落馬洲支線從2002年動工，到2007年開通。

為補償生態破壞，鐵路公司亦在落馬洲近后海灣地方建造了一個濕地保育區，由鐵路公司出資維護，是本港工程項目首創，今天市民到落馬洲站可以觀賞到這塊保育濕地，生景盎然。

吳博士為保育塋原絞盡心血，鐵路公司轉用隧道跨越塋原，由於不造成破壞，就沒有保育的要求，政府亦沒有打算作任何保育的安排。

吳祖南就是有那份堅持，從不放棄，他積極推動政府制定生態保育策略，2004年11月，政府公布一套《新自然保育政策》，包括了資助推行管理協議計劃，鼓勵環保團體在選定了的12個優先保育地點（塋原是其中一個），和私人土地持份者合作，制定有效的管理措施，保育這些生態資源豐富地點。

從2005年開始，吳祖南領導的長春社及觀鳥會成功申請政府資助，與當地的村民、農民以至區議員合作，把塋原保育起來。塋原不單保育生態和復耕消失多年的傳統農作物，亦保育當地的文化古蹟。這管理協議項目培養當地村民，舉辦許多教育活動，例如觀賞團，觀賞候鳥、兩棲類動物及生態古蹟、村落祠堂廟宇及圍村文化。這個項目不單為香港，以至其他國內和國外的生態保育工作，立下了典範。

出錢出力復修荔枝窩村

吳祖南博士醉心於環境保育，日以繼夜、夜以繼日的工作，毫無間斷。他的另一創舉是保育有300年歷史的客家村荔枝窩村。

荔枝窩村背靠傳統的風水林，坐落在船灣郊野公園旁，前面是印洲塘海岸公園，是一個十分有代表價值的鄉郊客家圍村，可惜盛極一時的村落，大部分已荒廢。

荔枝窩村無論在自然生態和文化傳統上，都極具保育價值。吳祖南積極參與籌組香港鄉郊基金，向社會籌募資金，利用保育塋原的經驗，與當地村民及大學轄下的社區支援和科研單位合作，於2012年開始，發動起保育荔枝窩村項目。他親身出錢出力，參與游說在香港和英國的村民，取得村民的合作，讓復修和保育工作能順利展開。如今，荔枝窩村打通了原來的水道，復耕了許多傳統的作物，一系列的自然生態和傳統文化的教育工作亦順次展開。政府亦特事特辦，撥款進行村落的復修工作。

吳祖南博士倡導的官民合作推行自然保育的模式不是沒有爭議的。今時今日與官走得太埋，是會令同儕和市民產生猜疑，尤其是他參與由前特首梁振英先生當過主席的香港鄉郊基金，亦不大力反對在部分郊野公園鄰近地帶發展。許多民間團體都選擇站在道德高地，猛烈批評任何破壞鄉郊自然環境的行為，任何合作都會是妥協，都會被鞭撻。但是無論怎麼樣的爭議，吳博士對於整個社會的貢獻，卻是事實。所謂功在社會、無憾此生。



JACQUELINE CHEUK

最記得 Dr Ng 話星加坡好多樹但沒有鳥，不像香港，市區也可以有雀鳥的生活空間，還拿來囡囡的畫。他不是一面倒要環保的人，但明白有時也需要作出妥協。

LAI KAM CHEUNG

As a friend we shared our convictions and commitments in the Green Movement but Cho Nam was much knowledgeable than me. We served on the Town Planning Board and he often put his knowledge into good use and we admired his dedication to a subject he knew well. Beyond public services we met over dinner from time to time and I always remember his smile and warm character. I pray for Cho Nam and his family and may he rest in peace.

KEN CHU

Thank you so much for giving me very valuable guidance in working towards the goal of conserving Hong Kong's habitats for both fauna and flora. In particular I recall our concerted efforts in fighting for the Ramsar designation of the Mai Po Wetland. A great lost with you passing away and similarly Dr. Lee Young earlier this year. The passion in wildlife conservation will surely pass on among your friends and students. Rest in peace.

RICHARD CORLETT

His passion for education was an inspiration for everybody.

VINCENT KWAN 关品方

I will fondly remember your dedication passion and contribution during our years as colleagues working together at Cental Policy Unit. Cho Nam, rest in peace. I can still vividly recall your beaming smiles all the time.

羊羊

懷念跟你觀鳥的日子 天家再會

LAI YIK LONG JADEN

南表舅父，您的表外甥 Jaden 賴翊朗永遠懷念您！一路好走！感謝您多年來悉心培育我，我愛您。
我會好好讀書的。一路好走！

MICHAEL P.H. LAM

Our beloved Ex-Governing Council Member/Technical Committee Member of Green Finance Certification Scheme, Dr Ng with leadership in his profound knowledge and commitment to the environment protection and Lai Chi Wo projects, and in contribution to the development of Green Finance Certification Scheme for Hong Kong.

RAYMOND LEE

I met Dr Ng when he was a highly respected TPB member back in the late 90's. He's such a knowledgeable academics and I've learned so much from him. We exchanged views on many issues/topics relating to conservation and development. He has always been able to provide a new perspective to widen our horizons. Dr Ng - you'll certainly be missed and your legacy will last forever!

KAIMIN SHIH

Dear Cho-Nam, your passion and impact to the environmental protection community will always serve as a role model for all of us.

TERESA TAM

I know Dr Ng through the Lai Chi Wo project. His expertise and in-depth knowledge in restoring rural villages and the fields have greatly helped the success of the project. As his loved ones, may you at this very difficult time, be blessed with peace and strength and may your memory of him encourage and sustain you going forward. Secretary of the Advisory Committee, The Hongkong Bank Foundation









DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG