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Note: On 7-11 March 2006, a workshop on the responsible development of mariculture in the Asia-Pacific region was organized by the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Network of Aquaculture Centre in Asia-Pacific (NACA). More information about marine fish culture in the Asia-Pacific region is available from <http://www.enaca.org/marinefish>.

Environmental Life Science Society activity review

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The Environmental Life Science Society (ELSS) is going through its second session since establishment in 2005. During our first six months, the new executive committee was created and various activities were organized. For example, the Super-Pass Dinner, an Eco-tour to Mai Po, an Inauguration Ceremony, a Careers Workshop, a Photo Taking Competition and Exhibition, and the ELSS Football Competition. Let us briefly introduce two of our activities: the Eco-tour to Mai Po and Careers Workshop.

ELSS aims to promote the study of Environmental Life Science and arouse interest in ecology and environmental protection; hence we organized a tour to Mai Po for our members on 6 January 2006 (Figs. 1 & 2). We were grateful to have Dr. Billy Hau, Mr. Yu Yat Tung and several postgraduates as our guest guides. About 30 members participated and this provided an excellent opportunity for our members to know more about the habitat and species in this Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention. We all enjoyed the trip and have developed various interests in this field.

To provide information and advice for ELSS members on their future careers, we organized a Career Workshop on 24 March 2006. Three ENS graduates: Dr. Alan Leung (Senior Conservation Officer, WWF Hong Kong), Dr. Ng Sai Chit (Senior Conservation Officer, KFBG) and Mr. Terence Fong (Senior Consultant, Environmental Resources Management Ltd) kindly came to the workshop as our guest speakers to



Fig. 1. ELSS trip to Mai Po.

share their working experiences and possible challenges in finding a career. Furthermore, under the friendly atmosphere, there were many interactions throughout the workshop. All the participants now know much more about career prospects in the field of Environmental Life Sciences.

We have also produced an Electronic Magazine – “Leaf with U” which includes a variety of interesting topics. Please visit this link to get the Magazine and know more about our society: <http://web.hku.hk/~elsshku>

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all Departmental staff, graduates, postgraduates and members who have given us so much support and advice over the past six months. Although we did not accomplish all our goals, we will continue to do our best for the interests of our members, and serve as a bridge between the Department and our members.



Fig. 2. Bird watching at Mai Po.