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# Rural Sustainability Programme – APAC Initiative for Regional Impact (AIRI) Regional Roundtable on Rural Sustainability - Critical Issues in Asia

Peri-urban areas in the Asia-Pacific region are at the crossroads. While rural communities are facing severe problems of depopulation and environmental deterioration, they also present invaluable opportunities to address climate change, food and water security, and other sustainability challenges. In this Roundtable, academics and practitioners from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand will share their revitalisation experiences and strategies in addressing local challenges. These experiences might coalesce into an Asia-Pacific model for rural sustainability. The event will also officially launch the **Rural Sustainability Programme – APAC Initiative for Regional Impact (AIRI)** and introduce the regional partnership for rural sustainability. The one-year incubation programme, **AIRI Urban-Rural Sustainability Fellowship 2022-23**, will be announced at the launch and will call for interest from keen individuals who aspire to be the change fellows steering urban-rural integration.

Date 25th June 2022 (Saturday)

Time 14:00-17:00 (Hong Kong Time)

Format Zoom Webinar  
(Facebook live broadcast available @hkucscg)

Languages English  
(with simultaneous interpretation into Mandarin and Thai on Zoom Webinar)



Details & Registration

## ▲ Opening Remarks



Professor William Hayward  
Dean of Social Sciences,  
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## ▲ Thematic Presentations

Topic 1:

Building Rural Resilience Through Collaborative Governance:  
insights from the Lai Chi Wo experience



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Dr. Kwei-kin Liu  
Registered Veterinary Surgeon;  
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Topic 3:

Practice and Experience of Rural Sustainability in Beijing Miyun



Dr. Ruijuan Zhang  
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Ms. Yuhua Chen  
Postgraduate,  
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Topic 2:

Riverine Initiative for Rural Sustainability: toward concerted diversity



Professor Ching-Ping Tang  
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National Chengchi University



Mr. Yang-Hsian Chang  
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Topic 4:

Decentralising Rural Governance for Sustainability:  
Thailand's experiences



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## ▲ Roundtable Discussion

Moderator



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Discussants



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