Guide to the Laan Tau Mountain Camp Collection

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Abstract: The Laan Tau (Lantau) Mountain Camp was a retreat above the city of Hong Kong dating back to 1925, which consisted of a number of stone cabins owned by both individuals and church organizations, and which served as a well-loved vacation spot for many foreigners in Hong Kong. The collection consists of the records of the Mountain Camp's Residents' Association, which includes meeting minutes, financial statements, records of building repairs, lists of owners, and correspondence related to the organization and management of the camp. Also included in the collection is a history of the Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry which took people to the Lantau island as well as a brief history of the camp from its inception to the 1970s compiled by Carter Morgan and including notes by Jean Moore, Mrs. D. Shilston, and G.S. Kennedy-Skipton.

Language of Material: English, Chinese

Historical Note:
The Laan Tau (Lantau) Mountain Camp was built in 1925, in the mountains above Hong Kong, as a retreat for foreigners to escape the hot humid summers of South China. The camp consisted of a number of small stone huts, and over the years expanded to include a mess hall, swimming pool, watchman's house and a house for laborers that served the camp. The camp closed during World War II and the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, and most of the buildings were heavily damaged during this period. They were repaired after the war, and the camp continued to house church groups and other vacationers throughout the 1970s and 1980s. The camp is now owned by the Methodist Church of Hong Kong.

Scope and Contents
The Laan Tau Mountain Camp Collection consists of notes and essays on the history of the camp and surrounding area, as well as the records of the Laan Tau Mountain Camp Residents' Association. The collection is divided into two series: Historical Information (1954-1979), and Residents' Association Files (1924-1986).

Series I, Historical Information, includes a history of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry, which was used by campers to get to Lantau island where the camp was located, as well as a brief history of the camp from its inception to the 1970s compiled by Carter Morgan and including notes by Jean Moore, Mrs. D. Shilston, and G.S. Kennedy-Skipton.

Series II, Residents' Association Files, consists of items relating to the founding, organization, and management of the camp. This includes correspondence, meeting minutes and agendas, records of cabin ownership, updates on construction and repairs, lists of meals served for the season, break-in reports, and annual updates on events happening at the camp.

Arrangement of Materials:
Series I: Historical Information, 1954-1979
Series II: Residents' Association Files, 1924-1986

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