

**Exile to the wilderness of Chong Hing Centre is against the native cattle habit and habitat. It is unreasonable and inhuman.**

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**Exile cannot solve the problem of cattle safety.**

**1. Cattles were Exiled for no reason:**

Cattles in Shap Sze Heung are living deep inside the village where there are over 200,000 feet of large-scale native forest foraging.

If not because of the 3 hours wild boar hunting operation on the evening of 17th May, the cattles would not retard on the road.

They should have returned to the forest for rest.

Many residents who use to drive through Sai Sha Road do not even aware the existence of cattles in this area.

Some villagers not even knowing that there are herds reside deep in the forest of the village.

Using this single incident to conclude that cattles often stay in this roadside area to rest is simply bullying the one who cannot defense for itself.

Today, let us appeal for the injustice exile of cattle point by point!

**2. Cattles do not responsible for this traffic accident. The traffic accident is caused by improper road policy and lack of driver's awareness:**

The number of road accident that related to cattle in this section of the road is about 1 or 2 in a year, less than other kinds of road accidents.

With its huge size, cattles should be noticed easily.

They have walked along the pavement in an orderly manner to the nearby village grass lawn everyday for over half century.

A lot of cats and dogs had been killed on this section of the road by speeding, dangerous driving.

But the police have never investigated who are responsible for these traffic accidents.

the Transportation Department has put up the warning signs in an inconspicuous location.

Nothing has been improved by these two departments over the years. The behaviour of speeding and dangerous driving have been connving.

It is absolutely ridiculous that the AFCD tries to resolve the traffic problem by relocating the tame herds. They crooked the cause and consequence of the accident.

Not only that they are not solving the root causes of the problem. They are recklessly ignoring the need to educate traffic safety and the need to coordinates various departments to improve the road policy.

It is not an acceptable conduct for a civilized government department!

### **3, Grazing type of cattle violates the behaviours of the native cattle in Hong Kong:**

AFCD and those who concur exile native cattle to the wilderness of Chong Hing Centre do not understand the behaviour and the habitat of native cattles.

In 2013, after exile cattles that originate in Lantau Island to Chong Hing Centre, many cattles disappeared, died, became ill and fatigue.

Not only that the AFCD did not learn the lessons, it now even repeats the same tragedy to exile the calf of Shap Sze Heung and resulting in its death.

The history of native cattle in Hong Kong can be traced back to the Eastern Han Dynasty two thousand years ago.

People from the China mainland moved south to Hong Kong and started farming. The native cattles helped the indigenous people to reclaim and farm.

They are the long-term partners of the indigenous people.

Since the 50's, as rural deserted, economic restructured, villagers emigrated from the village to make for living. Cattles were abandoned in the village and now

becomes native in the village.

In the past, they worked in the farm, lived in the shed, feed on grass as well as the leaves of native plants.

They do not live on the wilderness. They love living with the villagers. They are tamed and easy going with human beings. They are not wild animals.

They are only the abandoned livestocks in the 50's and 60's.

Nowaday's, majority of the cattle interest group members are foreigners.

Together with the overseas trained veterinarians, they dominate the AFCD's policy of cattle.

Incident of wrongdoings happen often.

Over the years they insisted in the executing the relocation policy.

This fully demonstrate their complete ignorant of the living habits and habitat of the native cattle in Hong Kong!

**4, Exile cannot solve the road safety problem. But only to create more risk for people and cattle:**

In the Legislative Council, the AFCD representatives said that they had performed more than 200 times of exile over the past year.

Many of these exile activity are to catch back cattles that were exiled but returned back to the village by their own efforts.

As a result, they need to execute the exile activities for over 200 times.

According to the representatives of the AFCD presented in the Legislative Council, there are approx. 70 to 80 cattles still survive in Chong Hing Centre nowadays.

The exile actions have not solve the problem of cattle safety.

In fact, the exile actions have created more safety problems on the road as it forces cattles to attempt to return to their original habitats.

To depart from Chong Hing Centre and arrive at their original habitat via Sai Kung Town, the cattles need to walk over 40 kilometers and pass through more than 10 different streets.

The AFCD argues that the exile activities are "for the safety of cattle on

the road". Yet, the activity itself creates another 200 times of road crisis that threaten the life of the cattles and the drivers. The rationale of this argument is difficult to understand. A totally absurd fallacy!

#### **5, Implementing GPS system is better than buidling cattle pit:**

There is a proposal to build cattle pits for preventing exiled cattles to leave Chong Hing Centre and return to their original place and herds.

Such proposal ignores the right of animals, against the nature of animals and it is inhuman.

Before the enivornment of Chong Hing Centre has been improved to a state that suit for cattle to inhabit, we believe that the idea of cow pit should be set aside.

Cattles are driven to leave Chong Hing Centre by their basic instinct for survival.

Cattles are very gregarious and need to live with familiar individuals and family members.

This is the reason why they try to escape with all the hardship and risks for family reunion.

This is the inherent nature of the cattle.

In addition, the living conditions of Chong Hing Centre are so poor that it even lacks of grass or plants for cattles to feed on.

Animals have their rights to live too. Aiming to exile, hence ignoring the nature of animal and their right to live is nothing but inhuman!

We suggest a more benevolent way to protect the safety of animals by installing the GPS system.

With the GPS system, "we cannot interface the living of wild animals" can no longer a valid reason for AFCD to ignore the life and death of missing calves.

Should the habitat of Chong Hing Centre been improved, even without the cow pits,

cattles would not bother to travel thousands of miles to escape from this wilderness place!

**6.The AFCD cattle team, please abide by your 2014 commitment to stop relocating cattle to the wilderness immediately.**

And, help cattles to seek for habitat in different regions:

In their plan to develop the rural areas, the government should not abandon the cattle and should not to plunder their place of origin step by step.

No more habitat for cattle in the Shap Sze Heung development blueprint, is not something that the villagers of Shap Sze Heung are happy to see.

The government should treat cattles as members of the villages, and give them a piece of lawn.

The only remaining 2,000 cattles now are part of the Hong Kong people's culture, historical assets and partnerships that ancestors left behind.

After helping to reclaiming farm land for 2000 years, they should also share our economic achievements.

We sincerely wish that the Government and Members of the Legislative Council, animal organizations and the people of Hong Kong, stand with righteousness,

request AFCD not to perform ungrateful tasks!