In July 2019, HKU Foundation and Faculty of Science (in celebration of 80th Oak Anniversary) proudly present an exclusive and unique “East Africa Wildlife Eco-Tour”.

On this Eco-Tour, you will see the Great Migration in the legendary Masai Mara in Kenya, which is considered to be one of the most spectacular natural events ever, as well as the breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro in Amboseli and more.
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Date: July 13-26, 2019
Enrolment: 15 Tour Participants + 15 Student Eco-leaders

Flight details:
Hong Kong Intl – Doha  13 JUL  0120/0440  QR815  Qatar Airways
Doha – Nairobi Jomo  13JUL  0815/1410  QR1335  Qatar Airways
Nairobi Jomo – Doha  25JUL  1720/2335  QR1336  Qatar Airways
Doha – Hong Kong Intl  26JUL  0255/1605  QR818  Qatar Airways

DAY 1
Hong Kong to Nairobi, Kenya (Capital of Kenya)
TBC
Transfer to hotel in Nairobi, Kenya’s colourful capital city. Visit Karen Blixen & Giraffe Centre, Lunch at Karen Blixem Museum

DAY 2-3
Amboseli National Park
Kibo Safari Camp
Nestled on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest snow-capped Mountain, it is one of the best places in Africa to view large herds of elephants up close. Arrive in time for lunch at Camp and head out for an afternoon game view driving in search of the ‘Big FIVE’.

Early morning game drive the next day, return for breakfast, thereafter the rest of the morning is at leisure. Enjoy lunch and later in the afternoon heading out another game viewing drive.

DAY 4-5
Mount Kenya National Park
Serena Mountain Lodge
Leisure relaxing by the fireplace or watch the animals from the balcony overlooking the well-lit waterhole and saltlick as they come to drink water or take their daily diet of salt hopefully spotting animals like the Elephants, Buffaloes, Waterbucks, Gazelles, Warthogs and others.

DAY 6-7
Samburu Game Reserve
Samburu Game Lodge
It is set in the rugged semi-arid northern region with spectacular scenic landscape. The banks of the river is an oasis of fauna and flora with sparkling spring water flowing and cascading throughout the camp’s grounds. Before later in the afternoon head out on an exciting game-viewing drive.

On the next day, full day in Samburu Game Reserve with morning and afternoon game viewing drives, in search of game found only north of the equator such as long necked Gerenuk, Gravy Zebra, Beisa Oryx and the blue shackled Somali Ostrich. The Ewaso Nyiro River dotted with doum palms, acacia and giant fig trees meanders through the reserve giving it an oasis setting and attracts a myriad of birds and wildlife.
**DAY 8**

Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Brief stop at the Equator where you may do a simple water test to ascertain the magnetic effect on the northern & southern sphere. Before later in the afternoon head out for a game viewing drive.

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**DAY 9**

Lake Naivasha

Resting at an elevation of 1890 meters is the serene freshwater Lake Naivasha, a superb oasis. Just beyond its shores are papyrus swamps, acacia woodlands, forests and unique geologic features that are remnants of the area’s volcanic past. Lake Naivasha is one of the primary drinking holes for buffalos, zebras, elands, impalas, waterbucks and other grazers, as well as a favorite place for hippos to cool themselves during the day. Lunch at the Lodge and later game drive at Hell’s Gate.

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**DAY 10-12**

Masai Mara Reserve

A wonderful scenery and plenty of game. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super-abundance as existed a century ago. Arrive in time for lunch. Later in the afternoon head out for an exciting game-viewing drive in this vast and expansive reserve teeming with game. Masai Mara is the northern most extension of the Serengeti Plains and one of the richest wildlife Game Reserves. It is home to the awesome black-manned lion, the elusive leopard, stately giraffes, vast bulk of elephants, rhino, thundering herds of zebra, migrating wildebeest and numerous other plains game. You may opt to visit a traditional Masai Manyatta (off the beaten track) and experience the culture of this world famous community.

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**DAY 13**

Depart in the morning and drive back to Nairobi. Lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee Garden. Visit the Kazuri Factory. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

This Eco-Tour is curated and guided by Dr Billy Hau of HKU School of Biological Science. You will be paired up with a Student Eco-leader who will act as your personal guide throughout the Tour. The student will go through a selection process and a six-month Eco-leader Training Programme beforehand.

Remarks:
- In cases of oversubscription, places will be assigned by drawing lots.
- Itinerary and conditions are subject to change.

Our Expert Guide - Dr Billy Hau is the Programme Director of MSc in Environmental Management at HKU. As a terrestrial ecologist and conservationist, he has made it his goal to cultivate new generations of dedicated, professional and pragmatic young conservationists for Hong Kong and the world. He believes the key is to nurture young students’ love of nature by providing them with immersive experiential learning opportunities in global biodiversity hotspots and educate them on the spots. Since 2005, Dr Hau has arranged field study trips to Hainan Island, Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Sulawesi, Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, Amazon and Galapagos. Well over 200 HKU students and some secondary students have been benefited from these trips.
Tour Fee & Donation

- Tour fee: HK$60,000

- Each Tour participant is invited to make a contribution of HK$20,000 to support the HKU Eco-Education Fund for Students. The Fund aims to enable students to take part in experiential field expeditions. In particular, your donation shall support Student Eco-leaders to participate in this East Africa Wildlife Eco Trip.

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Covers:
- International flight and land transfer
- Full board accommodation (shared twin rooms, meals)
- Park entry fees while on safari
- Game viewing drives as per programme
- Services of professional English speaking guide-driver
- Bottled mineral drinking water in the safari vehicle