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Abandoned fish ponds to build houses A win-win for both conservation and development

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覓地建屋是香港面對的老大難問題之 一。這邊廂求地若渴,那邊廂,新界北 區就有約千公頃魚塘被「投閒置散」。香港文匯報記 者日前到濕地保育區一帶,直擊不少魚塘已經荒廢、 失去吸引候鳥的作用,但因墨守成規的保育政策而一 直閒置,令人、鳥也無法受用,反而與高樓大廈為鄰 的大小河道就吸引不少瀕危候鳥棲息覓食。香港環境 保護協會主席樊熙泰教授月前遠赴英國倫敦考察,發 現曾被宣告步入「生態死亡」的泰晤士河,在引入 「河道保育」技術後替代了魚塘的保育角色,由一條

「死河」變為孕育超過120種候鳥、魚類等生物的河 流。他認為,有關經驗值得香港借鑑,「只要充分利 用現有河道進行保育,填平魚塘、釋放土地建造更多 綠化宜居房屋,既能保育候鳥,又能解決香港樓荒困 局。」

為了解活化河道如何適合候鳥保育及生活,投身 保育界30多年的香港環境保護協會主席、香港北部 都會區發展聯盟秘書長樊熙泰月前應邀到英國倫敦兩 星期,主要考察包括泰晤士河主流河道、支流河道及

河旁新社區發展之成功案例。

樊熙泰日前接受香港文匯報訪問時表示,泰晤士 河過去與香港河道一樣出現嚴重污染,一度被宣告步 入「生態死亡」。然而,在倫敦政府近年推出多項河 道改善措施後,泰晤士河錄得多種物種回歸,證明了 河道保育的成效遠比魚塘保育為高

除了倫敦引入河道保育外,內地也不遑多讓。樊 熙泰憶述,他在2008年北京奧運前夕,獲天津經濟 開發區泰達環保協會邀請出席區內濕地保育工作,並 與南開大學及天津科技大學專家共同實地考察及制定 人工河道保育規劃方案,「現在天津七里海濕地、貝 殼堤濕地公園,及一些國家級濕地公園等,均充分利 用周邊河道納入候鳥保育緩衝及伸延地帶,效果非常 顯著,相比之下,香港實在落後於內地。」

為進一步考證香港魚塘保育的成效,樊熙泰日前 帶香港文匯報記者前往米埔、新田及馬草壟一帶濕地 保育區、緩衝區及現有河道、發現其中至少有六成魚 塘早已荒廢或閒置,塘水混濁不堪,多處魚塘邊更堆 滿化學及建築垃圾,更有一處的魚塘已乾塘,沒有候 鳥出沒,生態價值成疑。

樊熙泰其後帶記者到天水圍天影路人工排水河道。

該處雖然人來人往,但無阻候鳥搵食,更不時出現黑 臉琵鷺等瀕危物種候鳥的身影,證明高樓大廈旁之市 區河道也能好好保育候鳥,發展與保育是能共存。

「只要細心留意,不難發現香港高樓大廈旁之河 道並未有阻礙候鳥飛行。」 樊熙泰坦言,不少人對魚 塘保育充滿迷思,以為保住魚塘就能留住候鳥,但香 港觀鳥人士都知道一個秘密,候鳥並非主要停留於魚 塘,而是前往香港各大主要河流,「北區不少魚塘需 漁民每年進行清塘及施放養魚苗,才能吸引鳥類停 留,但只要改善河道生態,為候鳥提供較佳的棲息及 覓食環境遠比魚塘強。」

即使候鳥在魚塘內覓食,其習性也是站在魚塘沿 岸四邊覓食,魚池中央不管佔地多大多闊,候鳥也無 法走入池中覓食。「候鳥喜歡聚集於淺灘尋找食物, 而不是聚集於魚塘中央,假若政府投放巨大資源保育 已受污染的荒廢魚塘,意味大片土地資源將會被浪費 掉。」他説。

以「河道保育候鳥」取代「魚塘保育候鳥」驟聽 之下似乎十分「勞師動眾」,但樊熙泰指出,政府其 實無需額外增撥資源,「政府設有保育基金每年資助 魚塘保育,而渠務署每年對各河道進行例行保養及維



◆ 新界北區有逾千公頃魚塘土地 資料圖片

修,因此整體資源不必額外增撥,只需適度進行河道 前期布置及每年例行保養便可持久進行。」

由於引入「河道保育候鳥」就可以釋出魚塘建 屋,可持續的經濟效益更明顯。樊熙泰説:「特區政 府的保育政策其實也有不少兩全其美的替代方案,例 如善用河道保育候鳥,效益絕對比用魚塘來保育為 高,希望官員可迎新而上,以新科學經

驗及最有效益的生態規劃香港保育工



Finding land to build residential units is one of the most challenging problems facing Hong Kong. On the other hand, about 1,000 hectares of fish ponds in

the North District of the New Territories have been "idled". The Hong Kong Wen Wei Po reporter recently went to the wetland conservation area, straight to many fish ponds that have been abandoned and lost the role of attracting migratory birds. Still, because of the conservation policy, neither people nor birds can use it. On the contrary, rivers with high-rise buildings as neighattracted many endangered migratory birds' habits for food. Professor Fan Hei-tai, Chairman of the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Association, visited London, England, a month ago and found that the River Thames, once declared "ecologically dead", has replaced the ecological role of fish ponds after the introduction of "river conservation" technology, turning it from a "dead river" into a river that supports over 120 species of migratory birds and fish. He believes that it is worthwhile to learn from the experience of Hong Kong, "as long as the existing river is fully utilized for conservation, the fish ponds are filled in, and land is released to build more green and livable houses, not only can migratory birds be conserved, but also the predicament of property shortage in Hong Kong can be

To understand how the revitalized river can be suitable for the conservation and living of migratory birds, Fan Hei-tai, Chairman of the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Association and Secretary General of the Hong Kong Northern Metropolitan Development Alliance, was invited to London, England, for two weeks a month ago, mainly to study the successful cases of the mainstream river Thames, tributary rivers and new community development along the river.

In a recent interview with Hong Kong Wen Wei Po, Fan said that the River Thames was once declared "ecologically dead" due to severe pollution, as in the case of Hong Kong's rivers. However, after the London government launched several river improvement measures in recent years, the Thames recorded the return of a variety of species, proving that the effectiveness of river conservation is much higher than fish pond

In addition to the introduction of river conservation in London, the Mainland is not far behind. Fan recalled that he was invited by the TE-DA Environmental Protection Association of the Tianjin Economic Development Area to attend the wetland conservation work in the area on the eve of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and that he

worked with experts from Nankai University and Tianjin University of Science and Technology to conduct a site visit and formulate a conservation plan for artificial rivers. In comparison, Hong Kong is lagging behind the Mainland.

To further prove the effectiveness of fish pond conservation in Hong Kong, Fan Hei-tai took Hong Kong Wen Wei Po reporters to the wetland conservation areas, buffer zones and existing river channels around Mai Po, San Tin and Ma Tso Lung recently and found that at least 60% of the fish ponds have been abandoned or idle for a long time. The water of the ponds is muddy.

Fan Hei-tai then took the reporter to the artificial drainage channel of Tin Ying Road in Tin Shui Wai. Although the place was crowded with people, migratory birds were not prevented from feeding there, and endangered species of migratory birds, such as the black-faced spoonbill, appeared from time to time, proving that the urban rivers next to high-rise buildings can also properly conserve migratory birds and that development and conservation can coexist.

"If you pay close attention, it is not difficult to find that the rivers next to high-rise buildings in Hong Kong do not obstruct the flight of migratory birds." Fan Hei-tai said many are full of myths about conserving fish ponds, thinking that migratory birds can be retained by preserving fish

ponds. Still, bird watchers in Hong Kong know a secret: migratory birds do not stay mainly in fish ponds but go to significant rivers in Hong Kong. It is much better than fish ponds.

Even if migratory birds forage in fish ponds, their habit is to stand along the shoreline of fish ponds and feed on all sides. "Migratory birds prefer to gather in the shallows in search of food rather than in the middle of the fish pond, and if the government invests huge resources in conserving the polluted and abandoned fish ponds, it means that a large number of land resources will be wasted," he said.

However, Fan pointed out that the government does not need to allocate additional resources. "The government has a conservation fund to subsidize the conservation of fish ponds yearly. The Drainage Services Department carries out routine maintenance and repair of the rivers every year, so there is no need to allocate additional resources. The 'River Conservation Waiting List' is an integral part of the project."

"Introducing 'river conservation for migratory birds' will release the fish ponds for building houses, and the sustainable economic benefits will be more obvious. I hope the officials can take a new approach and plan Hong Kong's conservation work with new scientific experience and the most effective ecology," said Fan Hei-tai.

糾正語病 加個虛詞

隔星期二見報

近年有個很有規律的語病——非及物動詞的詞 語後帶賓語。改正方法主要是加虛詞,以下先按 所用虛詞分述誤用不及物動詞的情況

大譯站

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「我們要感謝老師,致敬老師」應改為「…… 向老師致敬」。同理,「出發和歌山」、「拜師 李小龍」都應改為「向和歌山出發」、「向李小 龍拜師」。

有個虛詞跟「向」語義相似,那就是「對」, 也常常用得上。例如,「我很好奇這個炸魚」應 改為「我對這個炸魚很好奇」。

「受惠加息」應改為「受惠於加息」,「鍾情 法國菜」、「安葬跑馬地天主教墳場」也應改為 「鍾情於法國菜」、「安葬於……」。

除了「於」,也可用「在」:「在……安 葬」。「居住深圳」可改為「在深圳居住」, 「過境加拿大」改為「在加拿大過境」(但「入 境加拿大」則不能改成「在加拿大入境」,可改 為「進入加拿大國境」或簡單説「進入加拿 大」) 。

《現代漢語八百詞》(增訂本)説「『把』後 的名詞多半是後邊動詞的賓語」,動詞有賓語, 那就是及物動詞,但請留意只是「多半」而己, 例如要改正「升級管理系統」,雖然「升級」不 是及物動詞(是就不用改了),但仍可用 「把」:「把管理系統升級」。又例如,「解凍 阿富汗海外資產」可改為「把阿富汗海外資產解

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另外,其他虛詞有時也派得上用場,例如 「為」和「令」:「備戰澳網」可改為「為澳網 備戰」,「首度曝光官員受賄金額多達數億元」 改為「首度令官員受賄金額多達數億元一事曝 光」(這句「令」與「曝光」之間有太多字,最 好用及物動詞簡化句構:「首度揭露孫力軍受賄 金額多達數億元」)。

有時需要換動詞

加虛詞這個方法並非萬試萬靈,有些不及物動 詞需要用及物動詞代替,現在很流行的「解 鎖」、「揭秘」就是例子。「解鎖秘密」可改為 「解開秘密」,「揭秘台灣隱世秘地」改為「揭 示/介紹台灣隱世秘地」。

有時候,加虛詞或用及物動詞代替都不行,只 能加及物動詞輔助。這類語病涉及的詞語有時甚 至不是動詞,而是形容詞或名詞,例如「強健筋 骨」、「助力人民幣國際化」,可改為「令筋骨 強健」、「為……提供助力」或「推動/促 進……」。

如果有人認為,這個問題沒有什麼大不了,達 意就行,我這樣大加批評是執着,是死腦筋,甚 至有阻礙語言發展之嫌,那我只能說一句:不敢 苟同。

這個問題跟中文動詞及物與否甚至動詞與其他 詞類的分界有關,也關乎上述虛詞的基本功能甚 至存在價值,除非我們主張中文不講詞類(「詞 類活用」是另一回事) 、不理動詞用法、不用這

批虛詞,否則便應該正視問題,糾偏正謬。

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我若是你 悔不當初 贴地英文

隔星期二見報

當最後一班火車即將離開時,我提醒朋友: [If you don't run, you will miss the last train。」晨操令你身體 好, If you get up early and do some exercises, you will be in good shape。第一級條件句式,讓我們知道若果做 一些行動,將會有相關的結果出現。第二級條件句式看 似很難用,所以並不常用。其實不是,在歌曲和電影中 很容易就找到例子。

間接代入 易於接納

在電影《皇家特工》第一集,主角蛋仔知道師父中 槍,非常擔心;而導師梅林這樣忠告蛋仔:「If I were you, I'd focus on your training. Make it through the tests. Make him proud」(如果我是你,我便會集中精 神在訓練,通過考驗,令他可引你為豪)。現實中,我 們當然不會成為了另一個人,所以句式的目的是以間接 代入,令聽者易於接納。

另一種were句式的例子是用在時空,在電影《女人 香(Scent of a Woman)》,退役中校法蘭為主角查理 辯護時,對着私相授受的校長,充滿怒火的法蘭喊了出 來: 「If I were the man I was five years ago, I'd take a FLAMETHROWER to this place。」當然,同學們不 要學放火,我只是用這例子來展示were句式可用於不能 回到當年勇、英雄遲暮的境況。

雖然第二種條件句式看來有點難明,但要活用不難; 只要有代入他人的思考方法,又或對時代有所感,這套 were句式便自動從你的腦海中浮現。

在一部將上映的超級英雄片預告片段中,英雄媽媽告 誠,不要亂用時空轉移機。可惜女兒已經按了鈕,為時 已晚,他們進入一個詭異世界。片段配上了艾頓莊的名

曲《Goodbye Yellow Brick Road》的首四句歌詞: When are you gonna come down? When are you going to land? I should have stayed on the farm. I should have listened to my old man. | 第三和第四句的 字面意思是,我應該仍然留在農場,早知道我就聽從老 父的話。即是如果可以回到從前,我應作另一個選擇, 真是悔不當初。我們對後悔的感覺,很不是味兒,可是

能夠反省,重回正軌,不是活得更有意義嗎? 最後來首為自己未夠細心而唱的老情歌《Always On

Maybe I didn't treat you quite as good as I should.

Maybe I didn't love you quite as often as I could. Little things I should have said and done. I never took the time

You were always on my mind (重複)

Maybe I didn't hold you. All those lonely, lonely

And I guess I never told you. I am so happy that you're mine. If I made you feel second best, I'm so sorry I was

以上歌詞大意是如果我可以回到過去,真的想對你好

一些和愛你多一些,還有很多很簡單的事情,在過去應 該要做,然則沒有做。

留意second best和I was blind,不是事實陳述,這乃 是另一類第二級條件句式,意思是如果我沒有把在我眼 前的你放在第一位,我真的跟盲了一樣。當然這句只是 説笑罷了。在其他歌詞,不停重申You are always on my mind,知錯能改就好了,那便不用老是求饒恕

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