

Biography

Chau Hing-wah obtained his BA Degree from the University of Hong Kong in 1983 and his MA Degree in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology, University College London in 1988. He joined the Hong Kong Government in 1985 and worked as an Assistant Curator II in the Antiquities and Monuments Office. In 1988, he was posted to the Hong Kong Museum of History and worked as Assistant Curator I (Archaeology). In 1995, he was posted back to the Antiquities and Monuments Office to fill the Curator (Archaeology) post and to take charge of the Archaeology Unit. In 2006, he was posted to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and filled the newly created post of Curator (Intangible Cultural Heritage) to implement the safeguarding of the Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage as required by the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage enforced since April 2006. Chau Hing-wah has been working and conducting researches in the history, culture and heritage conservation of Hong Kong and its neighbouring South China region for more than twenty years. He has directed more than 150 archaeological survey and excavation projects in Hong Kong, including the Second Territory-wide Archaeological Survey in Hong Kong from 1997 to 1998 and the large-scale excavation of the Tung Wan Tsai site on Ma Wan in 1997, which was awarded one of the Ten Most Archaeological Excavations in China in 1997. Since 2006, he has been planning and coordinating the first territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage in Hong Kong. Since 2008, he has been serving as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of History of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.