

Short Notice for all coming Future Village Visitors

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Before visiting Future Village, I would like all of you know more, especially the local environment of Future Village and your responsibility, hopefully you can accept this and have a nice journey in there!

We do not hire any paid workers for the project. All the local people involve in the project (such as cooks, local guide) are all voluntary basis. We hope all the visitors can respect them and treat them kindly and understand the expense you contributed to us only cover your own living and transport cost, not their salary. Therefore, we are sorry to say that we can't provide these service for free, such as:-

- * **Porter service** (if you really can't carry your own luggage, you have to pay yourself to hire porters)
- * **Food request** (as Future Village is really a local place, so we can't provide you variety of food except the local food- usually rice and curry)
- * **Hot shower service** (as the fuelwood is very limited in the village, hot shower service is not available all the time. We hope visitors can understand this and help us to protect the forest resources)
- * **Phone service** (you should understand that the phone service is very limited in the village. Please don't expect you can get this service very often. If you need to contact your friends and families about your safety, we advise you do it before you go to the village)

Also, as we are non-profit organization, we can't afford to cover the visitors' expense. Please every visitor should pay the transportation cost and meal cost when meet our project partner Dambar.

1. Transportation

In the dry season, there will have local Jeep service to the village. It takes about 2 hrs to the village, as the trail is not very good condition, so you have good preparation for not very comfortable.

As the local Jeep service will stop if the weather condition is not good such as raining (particularly in monsoon season, summer time) all visitors should have well

preparation to walk there rather than get Jeep service. It will take total 5-6 hours.

(P.S. But if you will do local trekking (Ganesh Himal) first, there will be different way to go to Future Village.)

2. Communication/ Electricity Supply

There is no stable phone service in the village.

A new solar system for Future Village has just been installed. If the day is sunny day, there will have light service in there. However, visitors are strongly recommended to bring your own torches for emergency and avoid unnecessary electronic appliances except digital cameras (you can recharge your batteries in there if the solar works well). Sometimes, we can only provide candles at night if out of electricity. Hope all visitors can understand this.

3. Toilet and Bathroom

A new, simple-style design toilet and bathroom which located next to the Future Village Guest House has just built in June. As it is expensive and difficult to build toilet and bathroom in the village environment, visitors should always keep it clean after using it. Thanks for your cooperation.

4. Accommodation

All visitors will be arranged to live in small guest rooms of Future Village. Blankets will be provided and visitors can also bring their own sleeps bags.

5. Weather/ Insects

From Oct to May, it is mainly dry season in the village. Raining is seldom. The lowest temperature at night will be about 6-7 degrees. During day time, the temperature will be around 15 to 20 degree.

Insect problems are not serious in this time. May be you will see little bit flies or mosquitoes, bees etc. Please try to understand they are also part of nature.

In Summer, the highest temperature will reach about 30 degrees. It will rain quite

often, especially when it is monsoon time (July to Sept). You need to prepare insect or mosquitoes stick or cream in case.

6. Water/ Food Arrangement

Three meals will be provided to all visitors. Usually, it is simple local food, hopefully visitors can accept. About water, as our experience, most visitors could accept the local water in there, if can't, we can provide boiled or filtered water. Visitors should avoid consuming too much mineral water as there is no waste facility in village to manage plastic bottles.

7. Expenses (count by per person)

Accommodation is **free**. However all visitors need to cover return transportation cost by themselves (HKD 80 USD 10) and contribute to the local food cost. It is HKD 60 (USD 8) for three meals per day basis on vegetarian food. If you want to consume meat dishes, you have to cover the extra cost by yourself.

If you want to take the Jeep, it will cost USD 2 more per person for one-way travel (return cost will be USD 4). However, the service will be stopped when the weather is not good. All visitors should have good preparation to walk to the village in case this happen.

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