

<b>発表タイトル</b>	A Pilot Study of the 'Third Sector' in China's Offshore Civil Society-Hong Kong : In the case of the Mapopo's Community Farm
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**【Abstract】** Hong Kong, benefited from the financial infrastructure and the vibrant third sector cultivated in the late colonial times, has first become China's offshore financial hub and now turned into China's offshore civil society, serving as an 'open and free' 'clearinghouse' between mainland and the rest of the world for the circulation of information and ideas. Contrast with the former pessimistic portrayal of Hong Kong as a 'slowly boiled frog' after 1997, the booming third sector in Hong Kong nowadays makes one wonder that, with increasing intervention from Beijing after the sovereignty handover, how could the third sector in Hong Kong remain its vibrancy as before? To understand Hong Kong's civil society, the paper tries to highlight the continuity of Hong Kong's civil society and shed light on the roots of its vibrant third sector by looking into the Mapopo Community Farm, a non-government and non-profit organization located in New Territory, and tracing the history of development of the third sector in Hong Kong.

**【Abstract】** Hong Kong, Civil Society, Third Sector.