TAI KWUN TEACHER'S WORKSHOP - 3 NOVEMBER 2018

HERITAGE CONSERVATION IN TAI KWUN

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WHAT IS HERITAGE CONSERVATION?



"CONSERVATION: all operations designed to understand a property, know its history and meaning, ensure its material safeguard, and, if required, its restoration and enhancement."

THE NARA DOCUMENT ON AUTHENTICITY (1994)

WHY DO WE CONSERVE?

"Places of cultural significance enrich people's lives, often providing a deep and inspirational sense of connection to community and landscape, to the past and to lived experiences. They are historical records, that are important expressions of Australian identity and experience.

"Places of cultural significance reflect the diversity of our communities, telling us about who we are and the past that has formed us and the Australian landscape. They are irreplaceable and precious. These places of cultural significance must be conserved for present and future generations in accordance with the principle of inter-generational equity."

THE BURRA CHARTER (2013)

HOW DO WE CONSERVE?

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Rehabilitation / Adaptation

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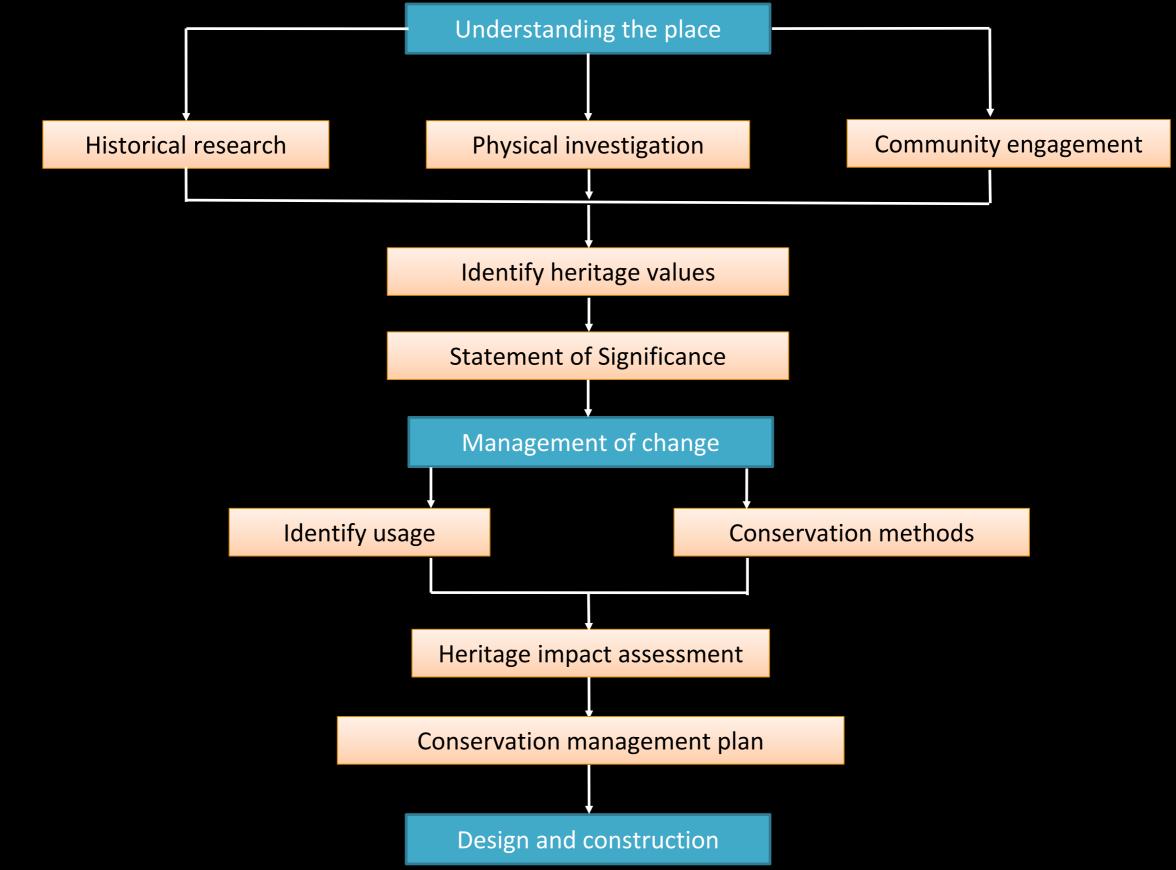
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PART 2 HERITAGE CONSERVATION IN HONG KONG



12 NOVEMBER 2006: LAST DAY OF OPERATION AT STAR FERRY PIER



Flute-playing protesters stage a musical lie-in late last night.





iam the clack tower" gets his anti-demolition point across.



they of the Star Ferry at its Central ATES.

Organized by heritage group See Network, scores of volunteers argoid visitors to make known their ledings on the demolition of the dock lower, Star Perry Pler and Queens's Pler by way of painting, singing and writing. To spur them on, a man matterd

Sam waring a while clock lower conturne ran through the crowds yelling: "Koup the pier where it is."

"Obviously there are a lot of people here today who are not happy about the demolition of the clock tower." he add. "There was no consultation throughout this whole process. The fact there are so many people here shows what the people want.

He and three protesters then climbed on to the roof of the lower at about form and unveiled a baster demanding the plot be preserved. They stayed for 25 initialize before heading appeals by pier staff to come down. An unusual petition was hang up throughout the building, on a groom siring that crimeroused the celling of the concearse. It consisted of small stickers leaturing the clock lower on which petitioners had signed their tomes. As the day progressed and the atkinowan out, people begin drawing pictures of the clock tower and writing nexuspes on aboots of paper, which were also stack to the string.

Writigs baside one drawing of the clock tower was "Ding dong, ding dong, please don't take me swey". Dihere took a more serious tone, accusing basiness interests and the gov-errorseni of naining the city's beritage. Terr Chi-man, a voluminar who was period a strips of pink adhesive tape and blank plenes of paper, said. This place is part of our collective.

"This place is part of our reflective memory. It's very important to us." Music played a large part, with groups adiging and playting instru-ments. A polynami noise was added when a group of aven flashing re-en-acted the chinalog of the clock lower. Others made chalk drawings on the research attriction from the outparts ground, simiching from the entrance paise of the ferry pier to the test rank. Chan Chun-lai, six, was among the unsent artists. "h's good hm. I've never thrown on the pround before," he said, waiched by his mother, Carol, who add. "It's difficult intractiony set the right values when the government is destroying something that is still useful. If self-fead to know him how to treasure something and not throw it away when he down't like it." A City University media student

served Karlj tied himself to a pole, with sizam waiting from a lottle. The sizam signified memories that could not be recaptured.

Star Ferry managing theories Pran-ble Yick sold: "I think they have the right to ask the government to consid-er keeping the old plor because there is a lot of affection for it."



Photos: Oliver Tusing, Elavid Wong, Martin C is around the Central pler, with the new pler, in use today, in the background,





ck the gates for the last time. Turnedles were packed all day. A Star Ferry captain waves off one of the four charity sailing



ngers on one of the final four sailings capture the moment on film.

PARADIGM SHIFT IN PUBLIC EXPECTATION FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION



Wing Lee Street





Hong Kong's oldest street market will be demolished to make way for four high-rise buildings in Central. We have ng and Ophelia Lui. write Winnie







The hawkers have their sa

Graham Street Market

"[Conserving heritage] fosters a sense of belonging and identity."

- CE TUNG CHEE-HWA, 1998

"I will press ahead with our work on heritage conservation...

"[CHO provides] a focal point for public participation and the Government's heritage conservation work..."

- CE DONALD TSANG, 2007

CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICY ON HERITAGE CONSERVATION

"[Heritage conservation] could be just mere protection as we are doing with the temples and shrines in the New Territories. But sometimes we need also to revitalise a building, to give it a new lease of life so that people will go in, and appreciate the past and at the same time find it a nice place to spend some time."

- MRS. CARRIE LAM, THEN SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT, 2007

REVITALISING HISTORIC BUILDINGS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME



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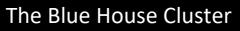
Tai O Heritage Hotel

Green Hub



YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel





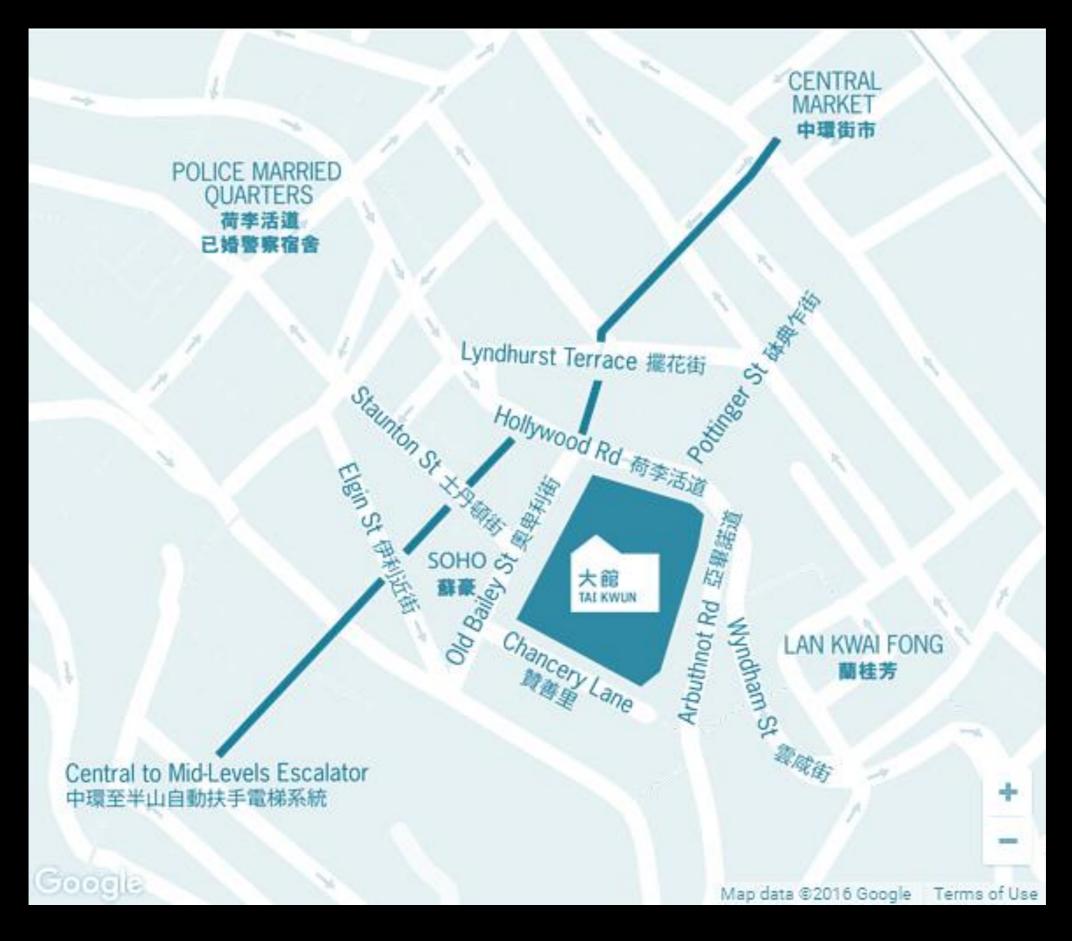


Stone Houses

PART 3 ABOUT TAI KWUN



LOCATION



THE SITE



Central Magistracy



Chancery Lane D ArbuthnotRoad D Victoria Prison D ۵ ۵ Q D 000 000 Old Bailey Street Former Central Police Station Compound, consisting of Three Declared Monuments, witnessed the development of Hong Kong Hollywood Road since 1841, consists of 16 historic buildings that formed three declared monuments.

Central Police Station















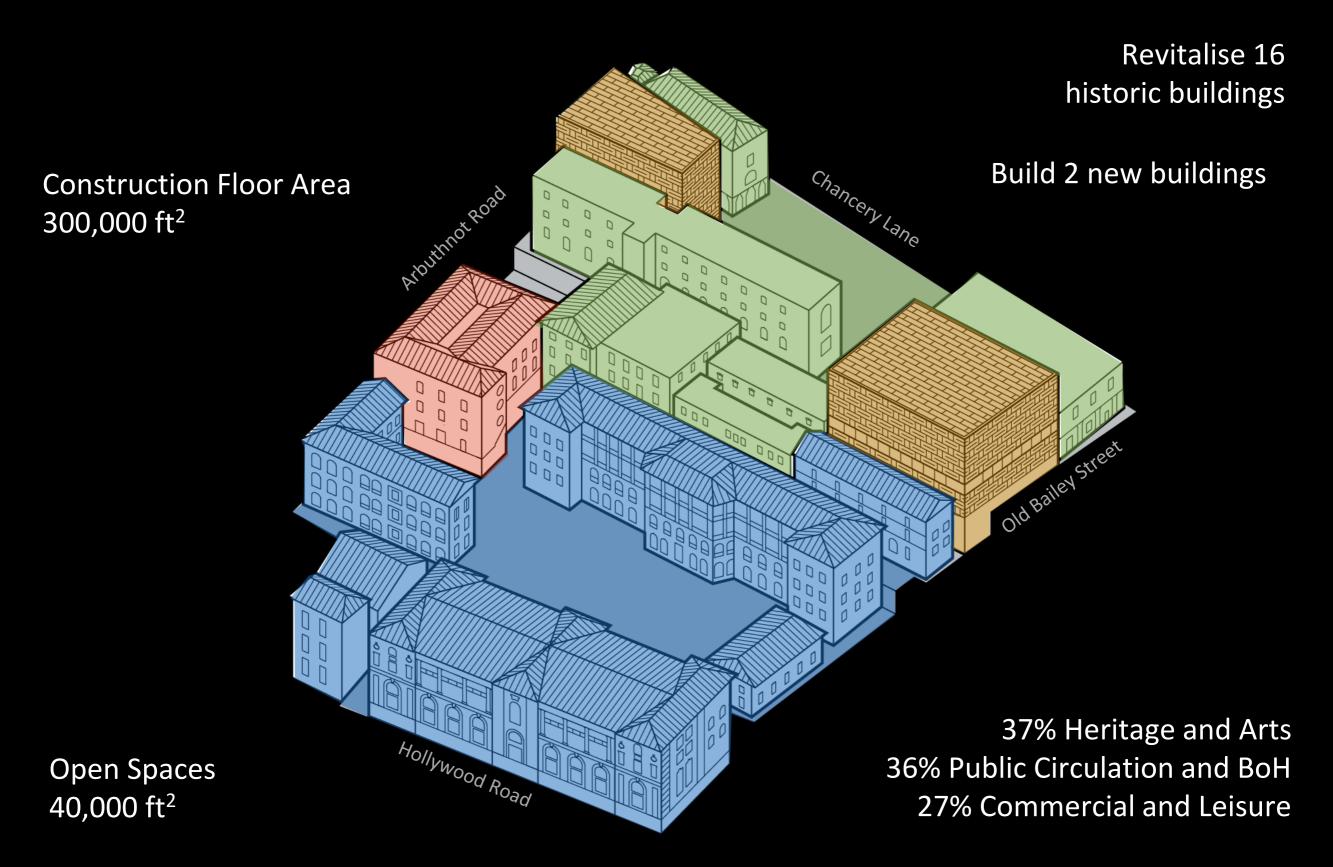
REVITALISATION

- In 2008, The Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Jockey Club reached announced a partnership plan to conserve and revitalise this historic monument cluster into a Centre for Heritage and Arts.
- Originally a closed-off institutional site with a solemn history, it is designed to be open up for high level of accessibility to provide a heritage, contemporary art, performing arts and leisure experience for all.
- Authenticity is the guiding principle, restoring the buildings into their original or originally intended appearances, while ensuring the buildings are safe for public enjoyment by making sensible changes.





THE REVITALISATION

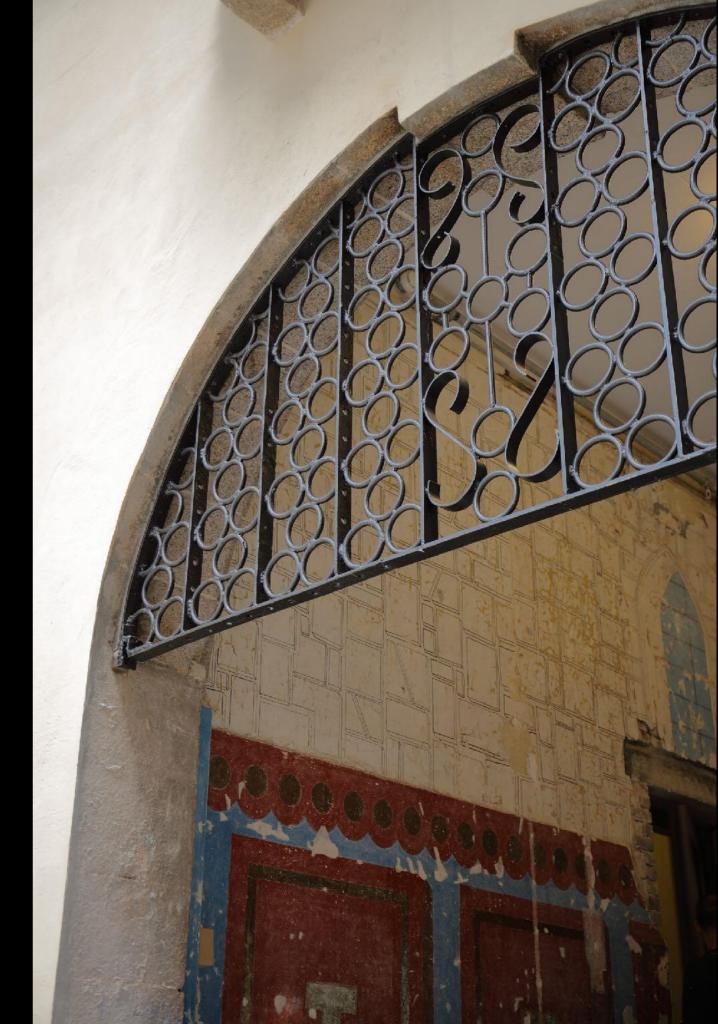


PART 4 HERITAGE CONSERVATION IN TAI KWUN



REVITALISATION OF CENTRAL POLICE STATION COMPOUND

- Guided by Conservation Management Plan in 2008 by Purcell
- Remove modern accretions
- Bring the buildings back into a good state of repair
- Authenticity is the key
- Facilitate a narration of the changes that have taken place and assist interpretation for the benefit of the future generations
- Public safety is top priority
- Compliance to modern building codes



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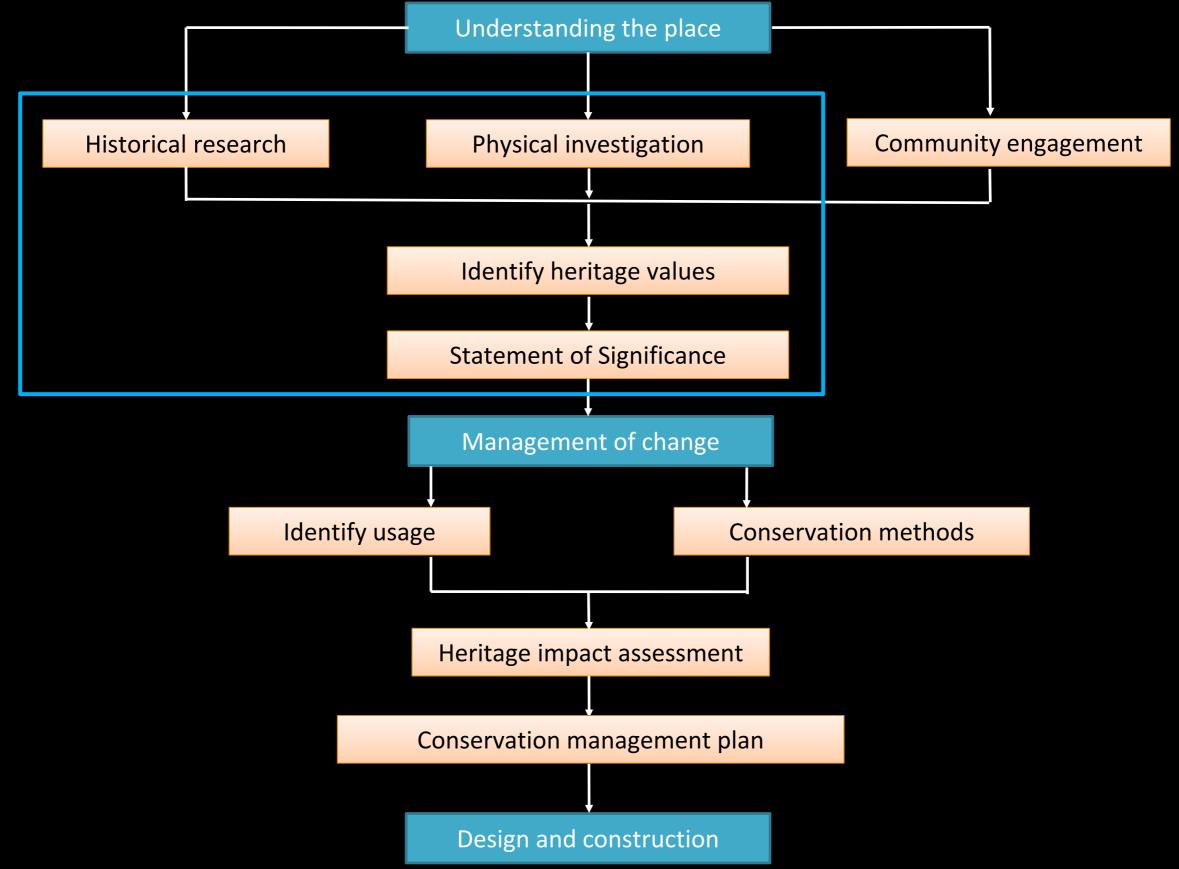
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CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS (CDE)

"The materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to the heritage value of a historic place, and which must be retained in order to preserve its heritage value."

> STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC PLACES IN CANADA (2010)



HIGHLIGHTED CONSERVATION WORKS







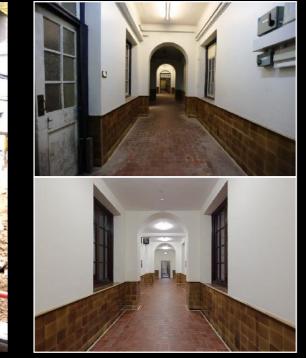
Brickwork

Roof tiles

Cornices



Woodwork

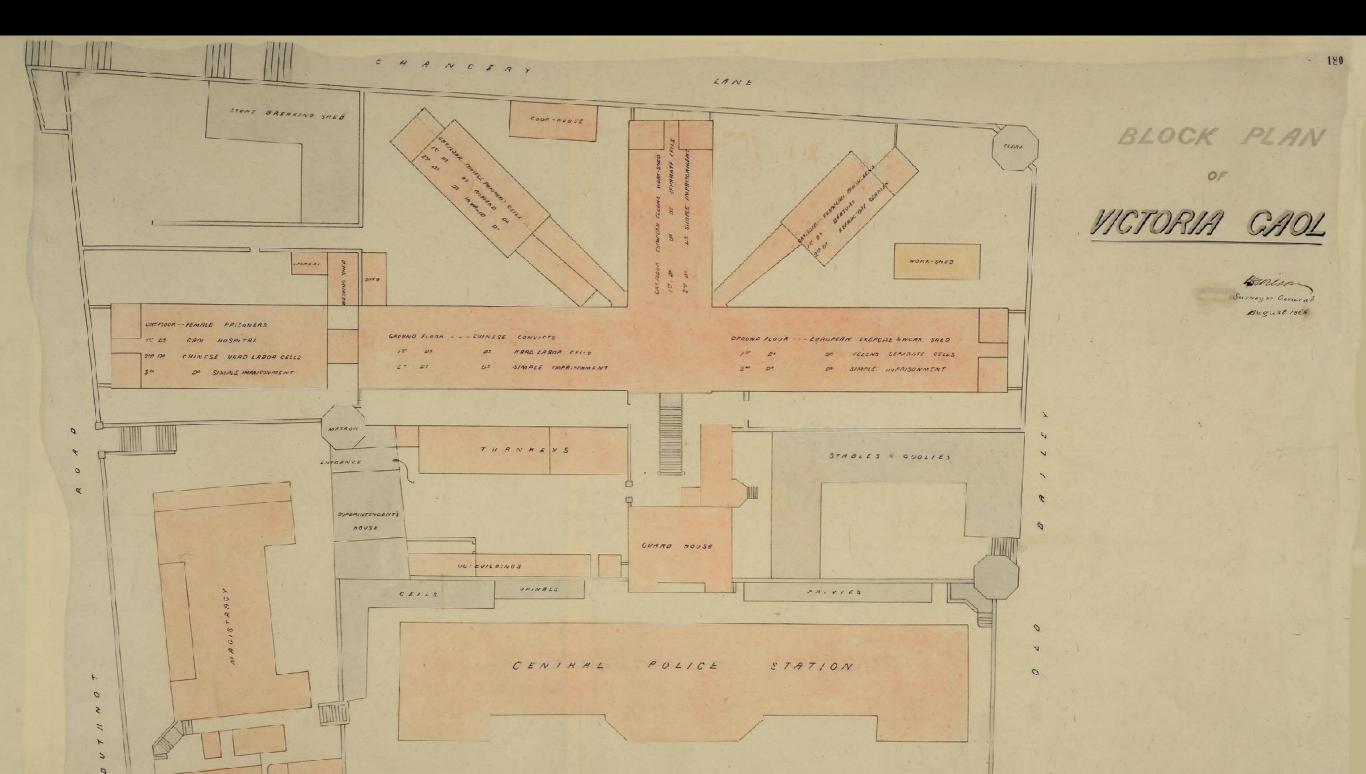


Floor and wall tiles



Underpinning strengthening work

PART 5 HERITAGE INTERPRETATION



"Interpretation may be a combination of the treatment of the fabric...; the use of and activities at the place; and the use of introduced explanatory material.

"The cultural significance of many places is not readily apparent, and should be explained by interpretation. Interpretation should enhance understanding and engagement, and be culturally appropriate."

THE BURRA CHARTER (2013)

"Interpretation should aim to present a whole rather than a part, and must address itself to the whole man rather than any phase."

- FREEMAN TILDEN



HERITAGE OFFERINGS AT TAI KWUN

The heritage offerings have been developed in three categories so that the rich heritage significance and fascinating anecdotes of the CPS site can be presented in various ways to our visitors from different demographics, and that we have sustainable heritage offerings.



Site-wide, storytelling-oriented heritage interpretation displays with daily guided tours

- 8 Heritage Storytelling Spaces and illustration-focused storytelling at circulation areas
- 20+ Tai Kwun Tales displayed at various outdoor and indoor areas
- Heritage storytelling, with oral history anecdotes
- Seasonal thematic interpretation
- Different levels of interpretation to cater various levels of interest

LEARN



Regular heritage education programmes, courtroom role-play, school tours

- Tai Kwun serves as a hub for HK's heritage and heritage education
- Complements school curriculum
- Nurture next generation of heritage enthusiasts
- Build stronger community
 engagement
- Cultivate a sense of identity and belonging

EXPLORE



Large-scale heritage thematic exhibitions with community engagement

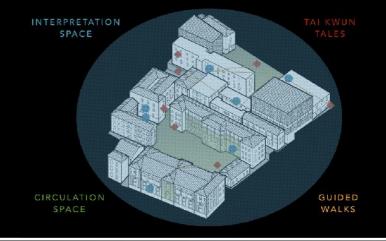
- Medium or large-scale exhibitions celebrating our neighbourhood, our culture and our city
- Collaborates with cultural and community groups
- 1st show: 100 Faces of Tai Kwun; 2nd show: Salute to Kwan Kung
- Each exhibition has strong and sustainable community engagement programmes

HERITAGE INTERPRETATION

Site-Wide Heritage Interpretation approach

Instead of a museum-setting where visitors need to go to specific exhibition rooms during their visits, heritage storytelling will be done all throughout the site. The 8 Heritage Storytelling Spaces are being linked up for storytelling with selected entrance, open spaces and circulation spaces for a more thematic experience.

A SITE-WIDE INTERPRETATION



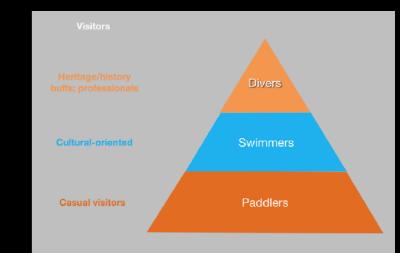
Memories of Tai Kwun

To present the heritage significance of the site to the wide demographics of visitors, we use a storytelling approach. Since August 2015, we have started oral history video and photo documentation, inviting former police, correctional services and judiciary officers who used to work at the site to share their stories with us. Through their stories, we present the site's heritage, architectural and cultural significance in a more empathetic tone.

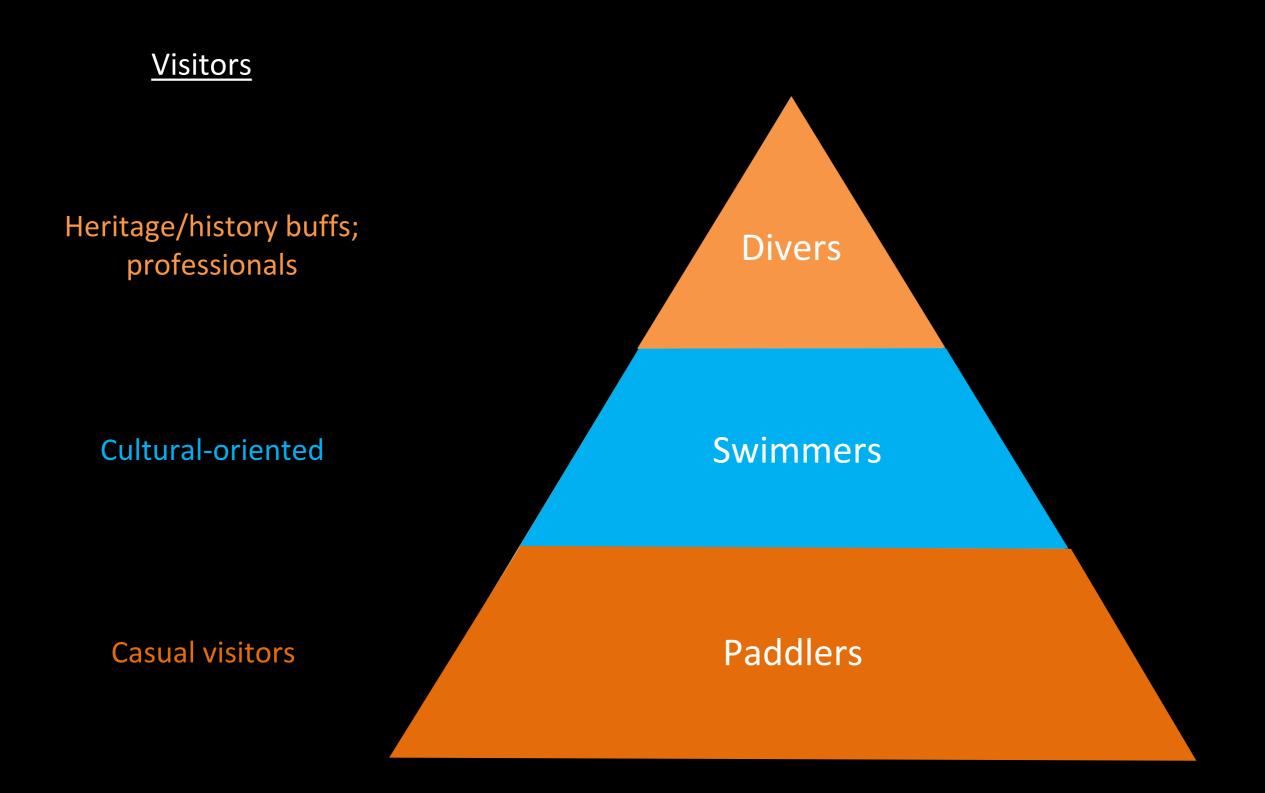


"Paddlers, Swimmers and Divers"

The site-side interpretation will be presented in various ways and volumes to cater to visitors with different levels of time/ interest/ knowledge on the site's heritage significance: "Paddlers" will most likely get the essentials from site wide; "Swimmers" through guided tours/app; "Divers" through heritage talks, resource centre/ database, and repeat visits.



THEORY: PADDLERS/SWIMMERS/DIVERS

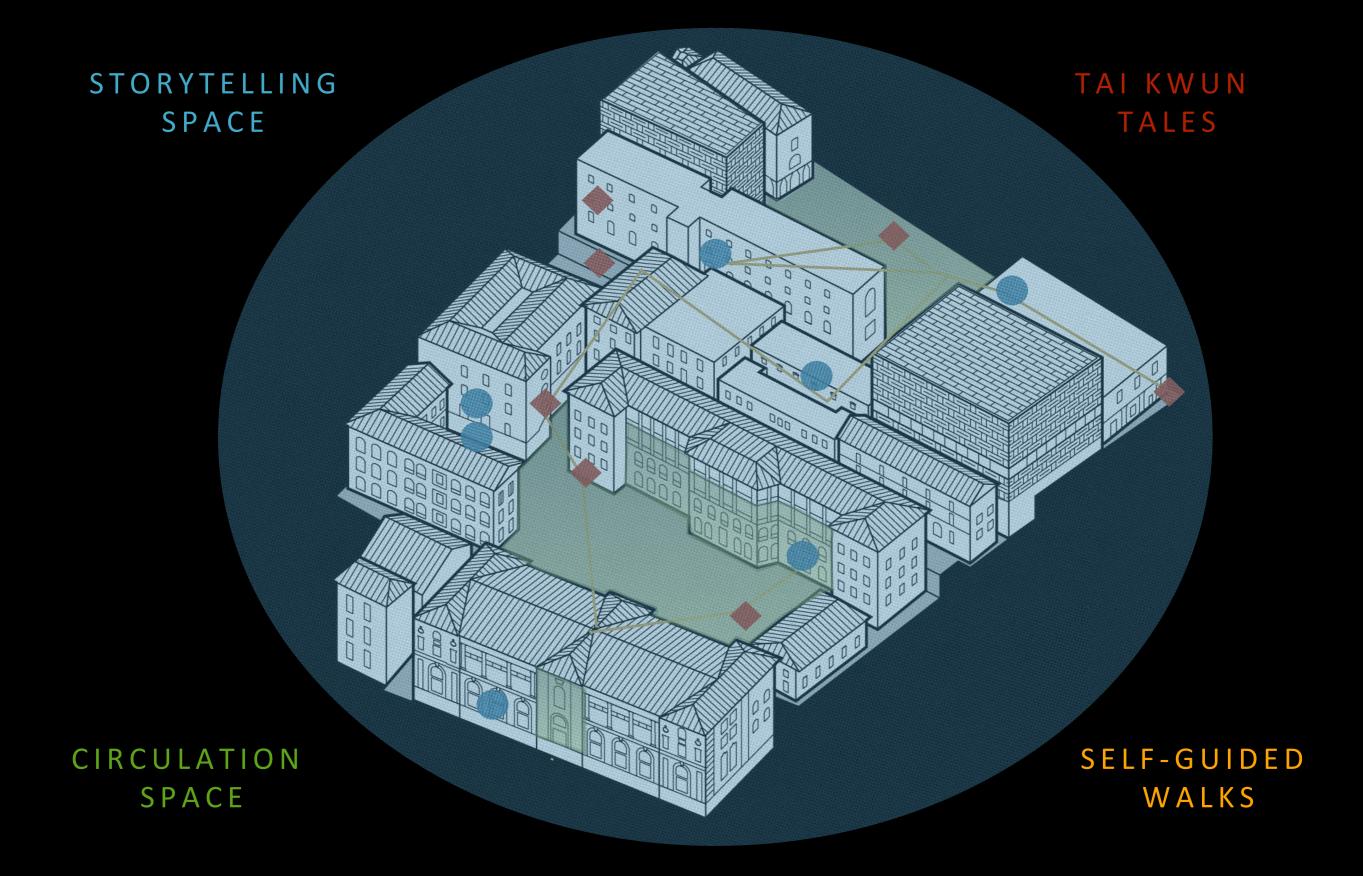


MEMORIES OF TAI KWUN



Since July 2015, we have invited former officers who used to work at the CPS site to return and share their stories with us. Their oral history interviews are featured in Heritage Storytelling Spaces and other heritage programmes. The documentation is ongoing.

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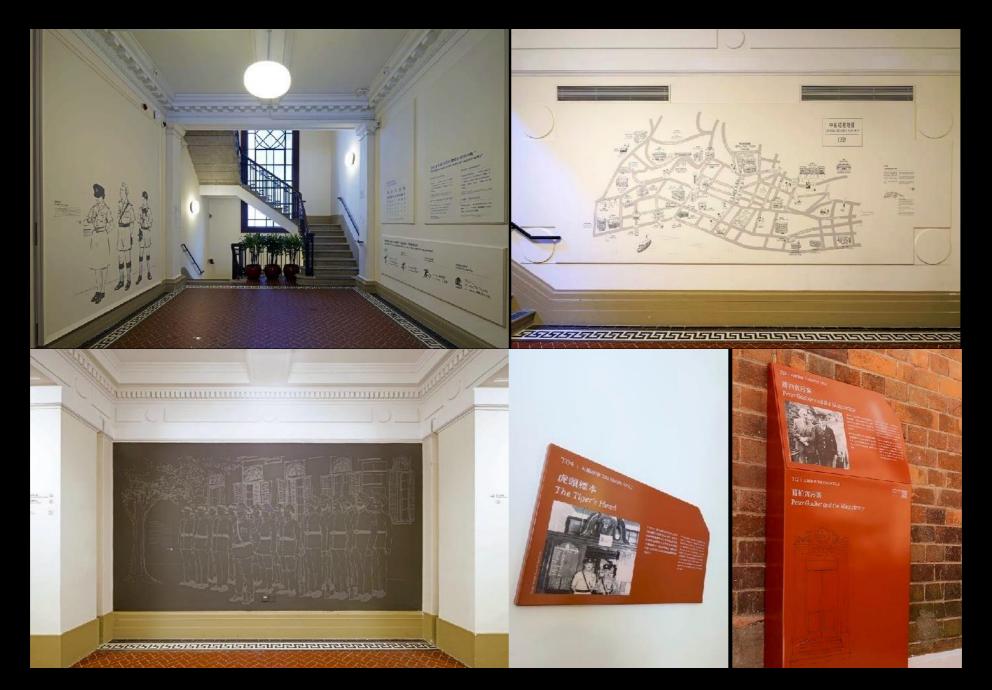


HERITAGE STORYTELLING SPACES



8 heritage interpretation rooms, including the Main Heritage Gallery as a springboard for your heritage journey, opens everyday to present the heritage significance and tell you the stories of the site. The rooms feature actual artefacts from the CPS site, oral history interviews with former officers, and other interactive, digital presentations that cater to difference demographics.

HERITAGE INTERPRETATION - CIRCULATION AND OPEN SPACES



Heritage storytelling goes beyond the rooms but also at circulation spaces and outdoor spaces for a site-wide storytelling approach to cater for different levels of interest in heritage stories. 20+ Special plaques, named Tai Kwun Tales, cover urban legends and site-specific anecdotes.

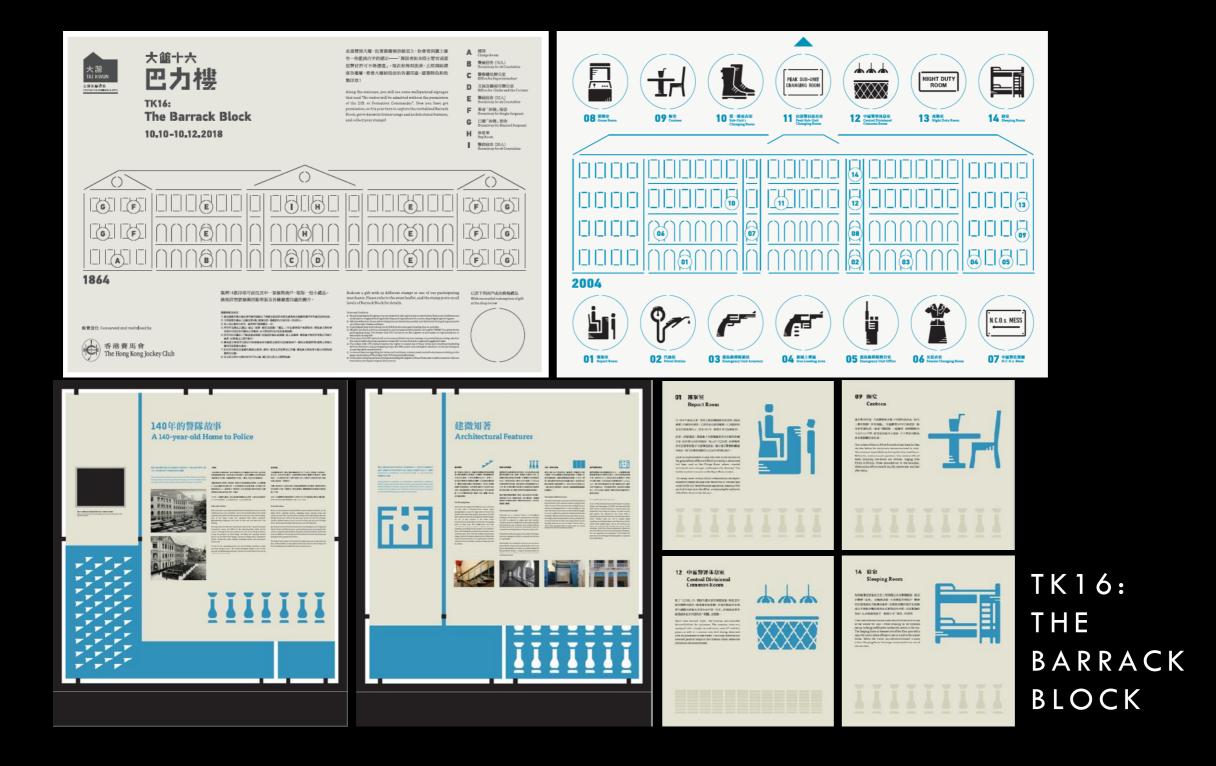
SELF-GUIDED WALKS



LEAFLETS

TAI KWUN APP

SPECIAL THEME INTERPRETATION -TK16 AND HIDDEN STORIES



TOURS



DAILY GUIDED TOURS



SCHOOL TOURS



INCLUSIVE TOURS

LEARNING



TEACHERS'S WORKSHOP



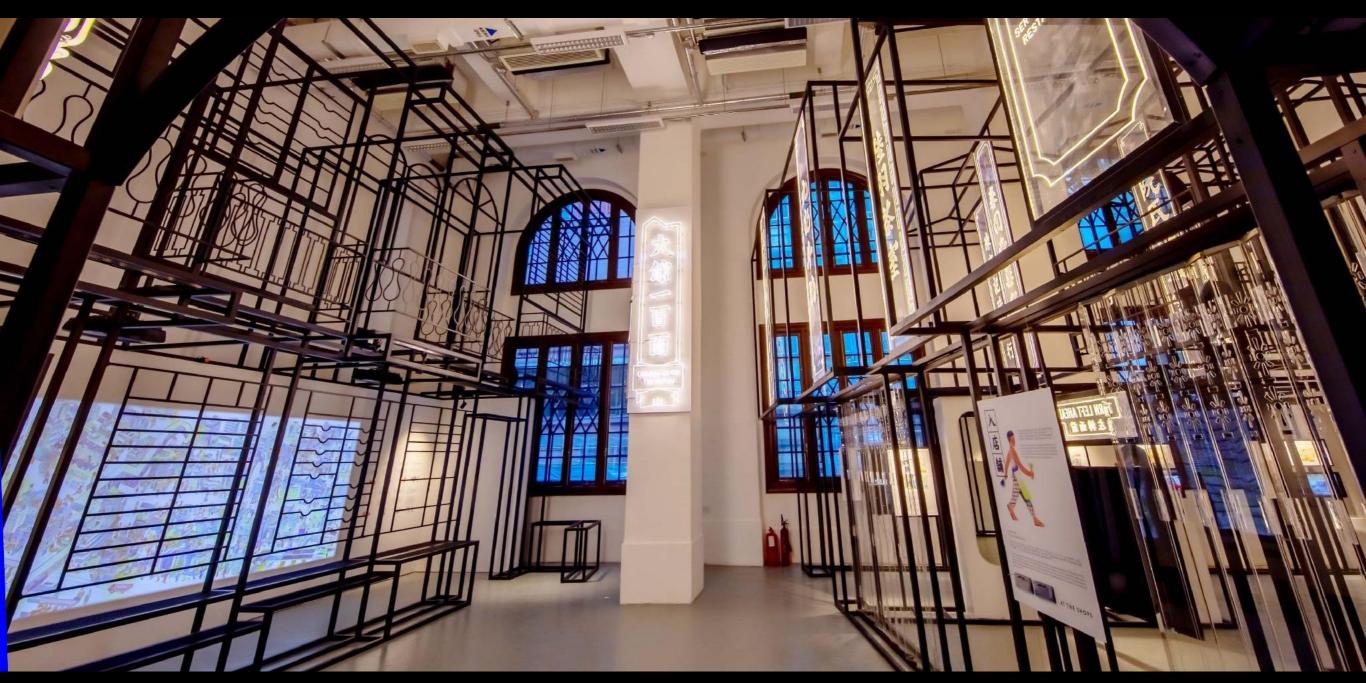
COURTROOM ROLE-PLAY



WORKSHOPS WITH A TOUCH OF HISTORY

THEMATIC EXHIBITION 1

100 FACES OF TAI KWUN



Our thematic exhibitions take cues from the site's history to explore wider topics in our neighbourhood, our culture and our city.

The inaugural show, '100 Faces of Tai Kwun', captures stories and sentiment from 100+ neighbours on Tai Kwun and Central. It has attracted more than 270,000 visitors.

THEMATIC EXHIBITION 2 SALUTE TO KWAN KUNG



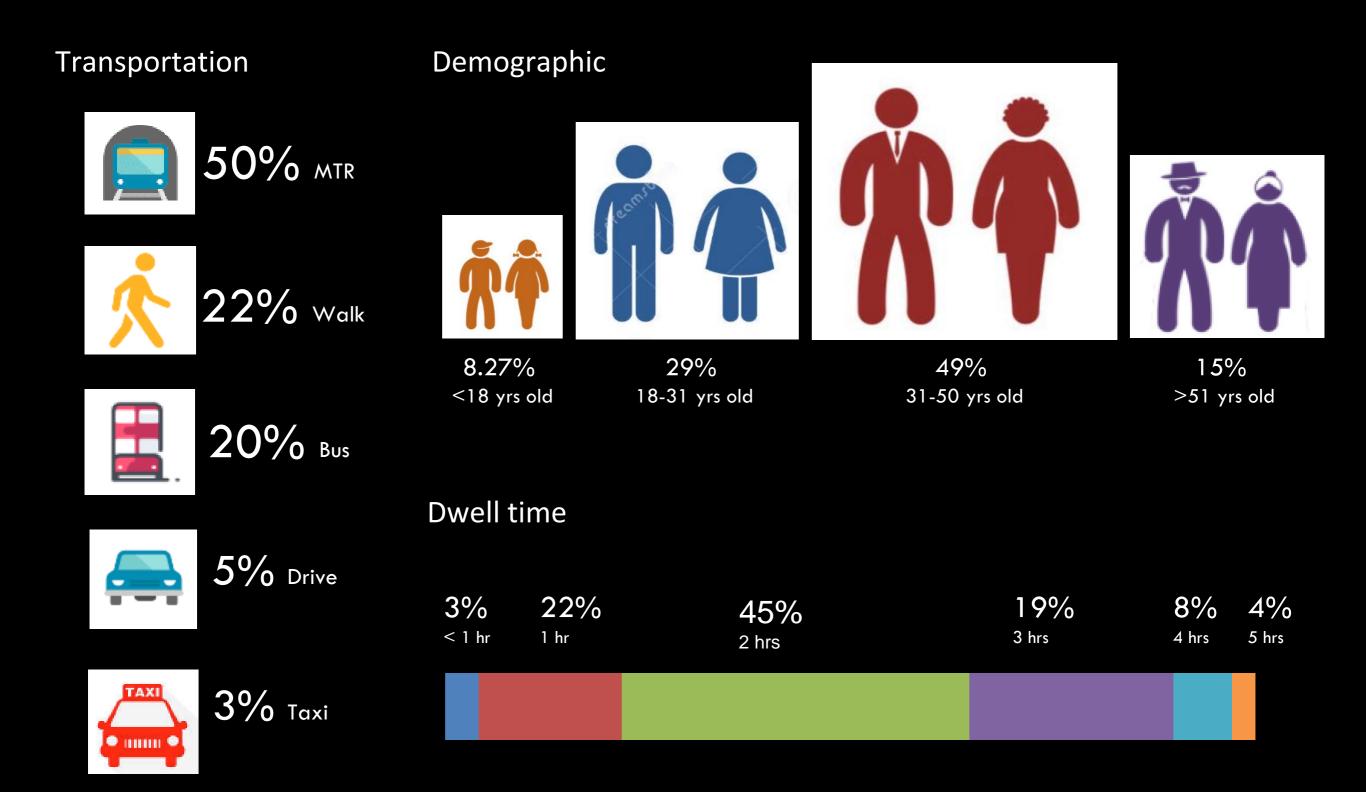
'Salute to Kwan Kung' traces from the worshipping of the revered general by former Tai Kwun officers to explore the deity's influence to Chinese culture.



3 OCTOBER, 2018 REACHING 1,000,000 VISITORS



PROFILE OF VISITORS



THANK YOU

