

Batch IV of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme Press Briefing

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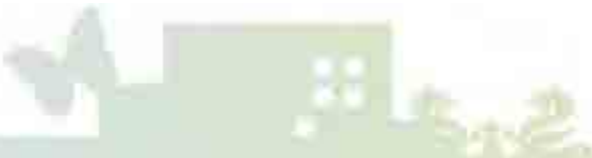
Background of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme

- In the 2007-08 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced a range of initiatives to enhance heritage conservation.
- Launch of “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” to put government-owned historic buildings to good adaptive re-use, and \$2 billion has been reserved to support and implement the Scheme.



Objectives of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme

- To preserve and put historic buildings into good and innovative use.
- To transform historic buildings into unique cultural landmarks.
- To promote active public participation in the conservation of historic buildings.
- To support social enterprise development and create job opportunities, in particular at the district level.



The Advisory Committee on Revitalisation of Historic Buildings

- The Committee was set up in 2008 and is chaired by Mr Bernard Chan with 9 non-official and 3 official members from the fields of historical research, architecture, planning, surveying, social enterprise, finance, etc.

Terms of Reference:

- To provide advice on the implementation of the Revitalisation Scheme and other revitalisation projects.
- To help assess applications under the Scheme.
- To monitor the operation of the selected projects.

Assessment Criteria of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme

The Advisory Committee examines and assesses the applications in accordance with the following five assessment criteria:

- Reflection of historical value and significance
- Technical aspects
- Social value and social enterprise operation
- Financial viability
- Management capability and other considerations



Introduction to Batch IV of the Revitalisation Scheme

- No.12 School Street
- Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters
- Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre
- King Yin Lei (Re-launch)



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1. No. 12 School Street

**Address: 12 School Street, Tai Hang,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong**

Gross Floor Area: About 338 m²

Site Area: About 131 m²

Year Built: 1949

Grading: Grade 3



1. No. 12 School Street (cont'd) - Architectural features



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Possible uses:

**Place of recreation, sports or culture,
education or training facilities, arts and
cultural facilities, etc.**



2. Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters

Address: 141 Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong

Gross Floor Area: About 386 m²

Site Area: About 2,124 m²

Year Built: 1887

Grading: Grade 1



2. Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters (cont'd) - Architectural features



2. Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters (cont'd)

Possible uses:

**Food and beverage services, education
or training facilities, exhibition or
convention hall, field study / education /
visitor centre, etc.**



3. Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre

Address: 38 Kwu Tung Road, Sheung Shui, N.T.

Gross Floor Area: About 427 m²

Site Area: About 3,550 m²

Year Built: 1933

Grading: Grade 2



3. Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre (cont'd)

- Architectural features



3. Lady Ho Tung Welfare Centre (cont'd)

Possible uses:

**Social services centre, field study /
education / visitor centre, holiday
camp, etc.**



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4. King Yin Lei (Re-launch)

Address: 45 Stubbs Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Gross Floor Area: About 1,735 m²

Site Area: About 4,910 m² (including outdoor area)

Year Built: 1937

Grading: Declared Monument



4. King Yin Lei (cont'd)



The conservation of King Yin Lei is a pioneer project:

- First case of economic incentives (non-insitu land exchange) offered by the Government to facilitate preservation of historic buildings in private ownership.
- First major restoration project lasting for more than two years involving joint efforts of conservation experts from Guangdong and Hong Kong.
- The documentary produced to record the full efforts spent on the conservation and restoration of King Yin Lei has received four international film awards.



4. King Yin Lei (cont'd)

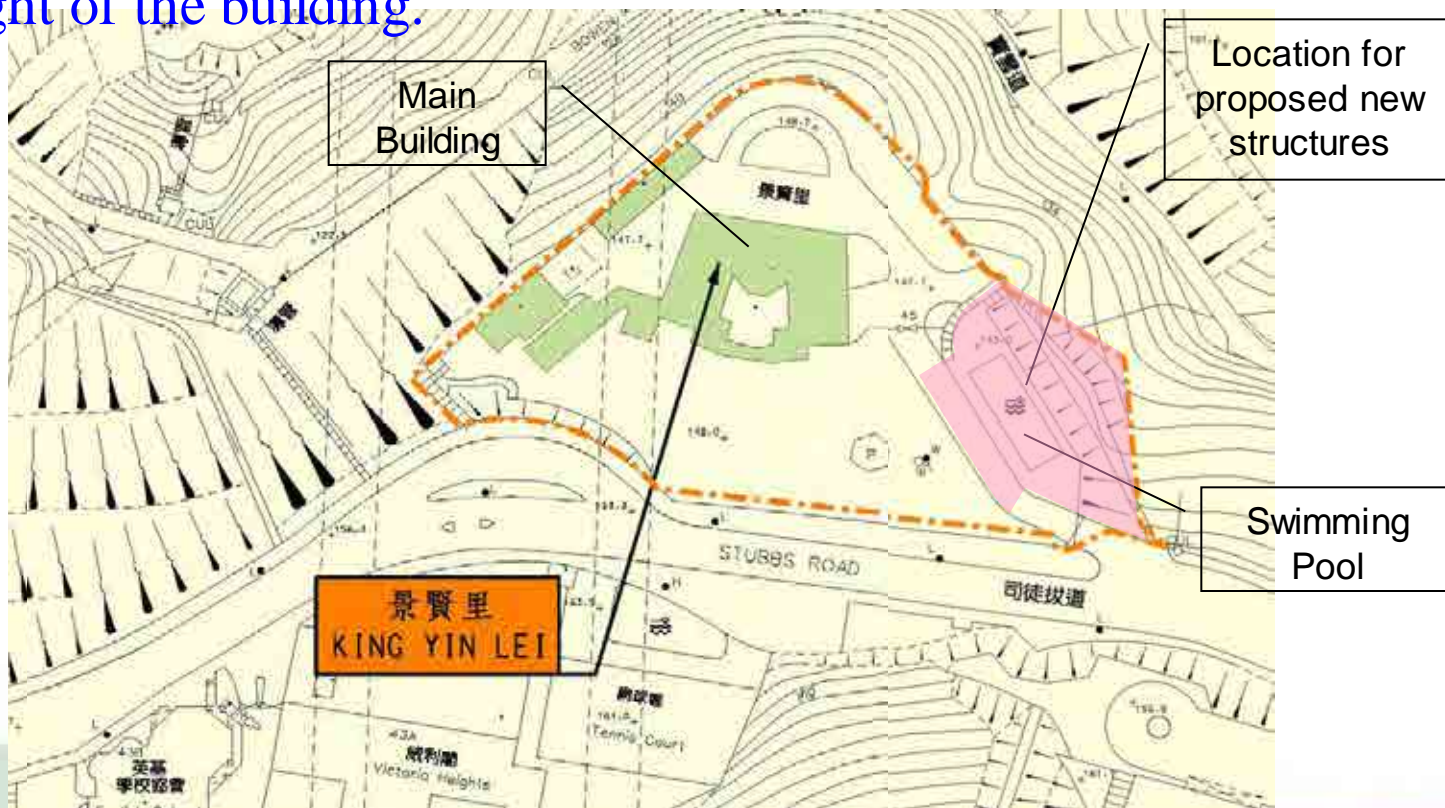
Revitalisation of King Yin Lei to preserve its architectural features -

- Adopt a “minimum intervention” approach to keep the existing historic building for public appreciation of its architectural features and restoration efforts.

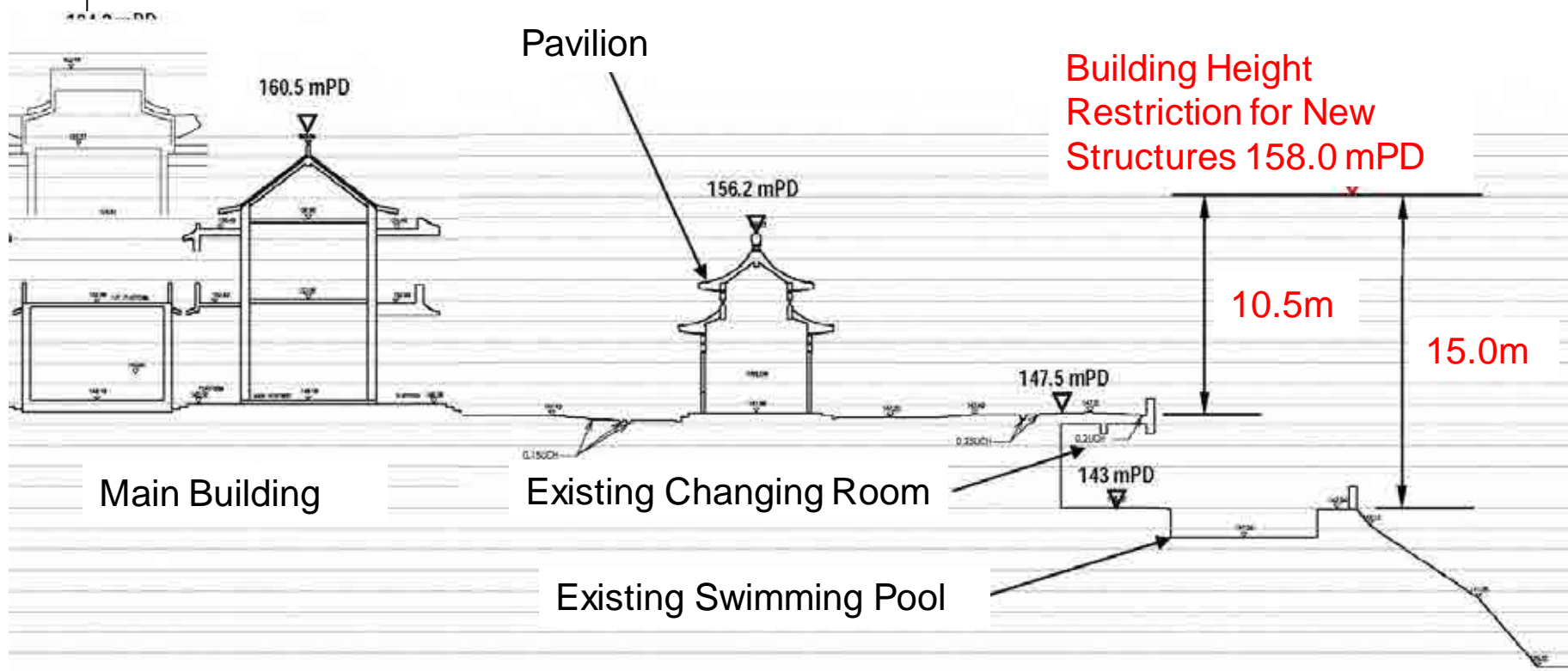


4. King Yin Lei (cont'd)

New building for revitalisation use would only be allowed within the existing swimming pool area with stringent control on the scale and height of the building.



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The new structures should be compatible, and not being visually intrusive, to the existing buildings and setting of King Yin Lei. They should also be non-obtrusive to the surrounding natural setting outside the swimming pool area.

Location for
proposed new
structures



4. King Yin Lei (cont'd)

Possible uses:

**Cultural facilities, exhibition or convention hall,
educational institution, etc.**



4. King Yin Lei (cont'd)

- The compatibility of new structures would be an essential assessment criterion for this revitalisation project. A Technical Assessment Panel will be formed to assist the Advisory Committee for Revitalisation of Historic Buildings (ACRHB).



Public Enjoyment is an Essential Element of the Revitalisation Scheme

- Applicants should open the whole or part of the historic building to the public for appreciation on the premise that the social enterprise operation therein is not affected.
- Applicants may designate part of the building as museum / exhibition area to reflect the historical significance of the building.
- Applicants should allow free public access to the site as appropriate. Open days and guided tours should be arranged as far as possible.

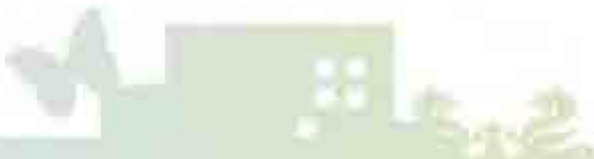


Other Arrangements of the Revitalisation Scheme

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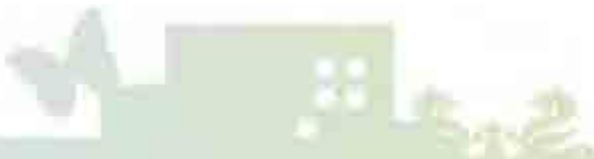
- eligibility of applicants;
- subsidy provided by the Government;
- mode of operation of projects; and
- assessment criteria

will be similar to that of Batch I, II and III. Please refer to the heritage website of the Development Bureau at www.heritage.gov.hk for details.



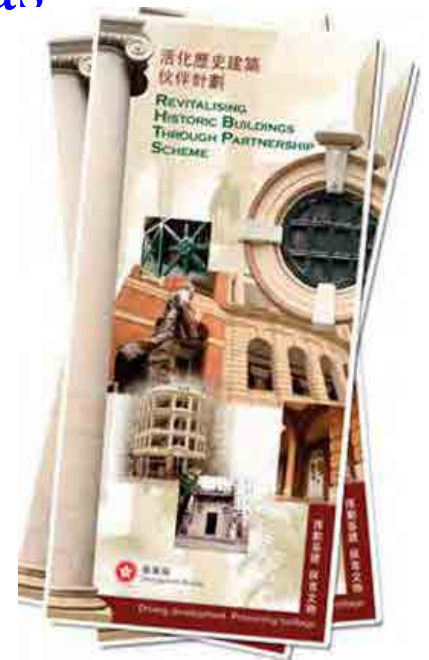
Important Dates of Batch IV of the Revitalisation Scheme

14–17 January 2014	Open Days for Interested Organisations
24 January 2014	Workshop
15 April 2014	Deadline for Application
1st quarter of 2015	Expected Date for Result Announcement



Review of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme

- Batch I of the Revitalisation Scheme was launched in February 2008.
- The selection result of the revitalisation projects for 6 historic buildings was announced in February 2009.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme

The Former North Kowloon Magistracy

- Revitalised into SCAD Hong Kong Campus and has started operation since September 2010.
- Received an Honorable Mention in the 2011 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation programme.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Old Tai O Police Station

- Revitalised into Tai O Heritage Hotel.
- The hotel commenced operation in March 2012.
- Received an Award of Merit in the 2013 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation programme.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

The Former Lai Chi Kok Hospital

- Revitalised into Jao Tsung-I Academy.
- Phase 1 of the Academy commenced operation in June 2012. Other works have been completed in September 2013. The remaining buildings will commence operation in the 1st quarter of 2014.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

Lui Seng Chun

- Revitalised into Hong Kong Baptist University School of Chinese Medicine – Lui Seng Chun.
- The Centre commenced operation in April 2012.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

Mei Ho House

- Revitalised into the Mei Ho House Youth Hostel.
- Soft launched in October 2013.



Progress of Batch I of Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

Fong Yuen Study Hall

- Revitalised into the Tourism and Chinese Cultural Centre cum Ma Wan Residents' Museum.
- The Centre-cum-Museum commenced operation in March 2013.



Review of Batch II of the Revitalisation Scheme

- Batch II of the Revitalisation Scheme was launched in August 2009.
- The selection result of the revitalisation projects for 3 historic buildings was announced in September 2010.



Progress of Batch II of the Revitalisation Scheme

Old Tai Po Police Station

- To be revitalised into a Green Hub for sustainable living.
- Renovation works commenced in May 2013. The works are expected to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2014.



Progress of Batch II of the Revitalisation Scheme (cont'd)

Blue House Cluster in Wan Chai

- Adopt the innovative approach of “Retention of Both Premises and Tenants”.
- Provide residential accommodation, catering services, cultural and educational programmes as well as heritage tours after revitalisation.
- Renovation works commenced in September 2013. The works are expected to be completed in the 4th quarter of 2015.



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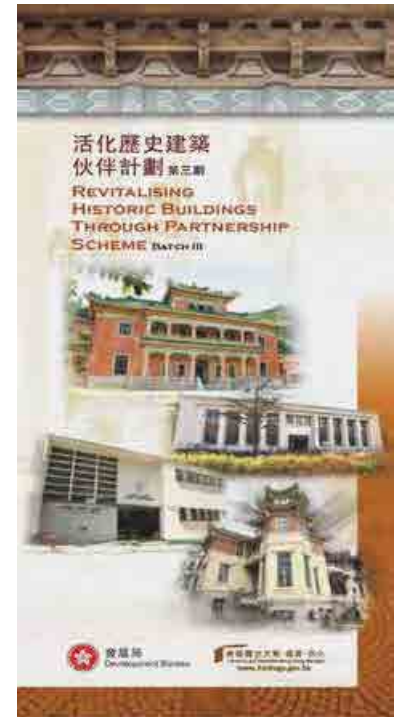
Stone Houses in Kowloon City

- To be revitalised into the Stone House Family Garden.
- Renovation works commenced in December 2012. The works are expected to be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2014.



Review of Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme

- Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme was launched in October 2011.
- The selection result of the revitalisation projects for the 3 historic buildings was announced in February 2013.



Progress of Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme

Haw Par Mansion

- To be revitalised into the Haw Par Music Farm.
- Renovation works are expected to commence in the 4th quarter of 2015. The works are expected to be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2017.



Progress of Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

Bridges Street Market

- To be revitalised into the Hong Kong News-Expo.
- Renovation works are expected to commence in the 2nd quarter of 2015. The works are expected to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2016.



Progress of Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme (Cont'd)

Former Fanling Magistracy (Re-launch)

- To be revitalised into the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) Institute of Leadership Development.
- Renovation works are expected to commence in the 2nd quarter of 2015. The works are expected to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2016.

