

The Relocation of the

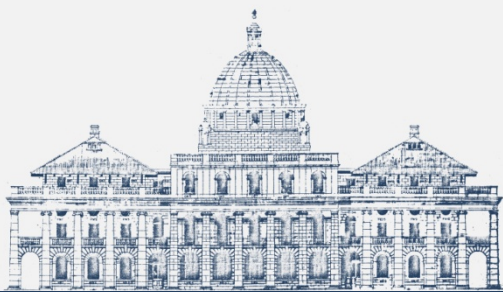
# COURT OF FINAL APPEAL

Consultation with the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (AJLS)  
of the Legislative Council

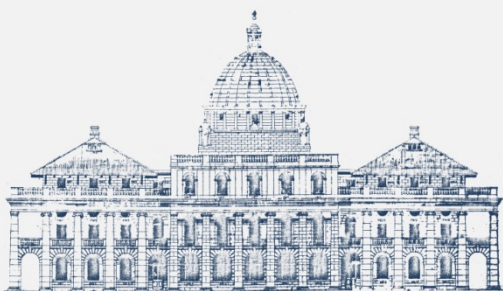
26 February 2013

# **PRESENTATION AGENDA**

- 1. Background - History**
- 2. Use of the Building for the CFA**
- 3. Heritage Considerations**
- 4. Consultation**
- 5. Cost**
- 6. Project Programme**

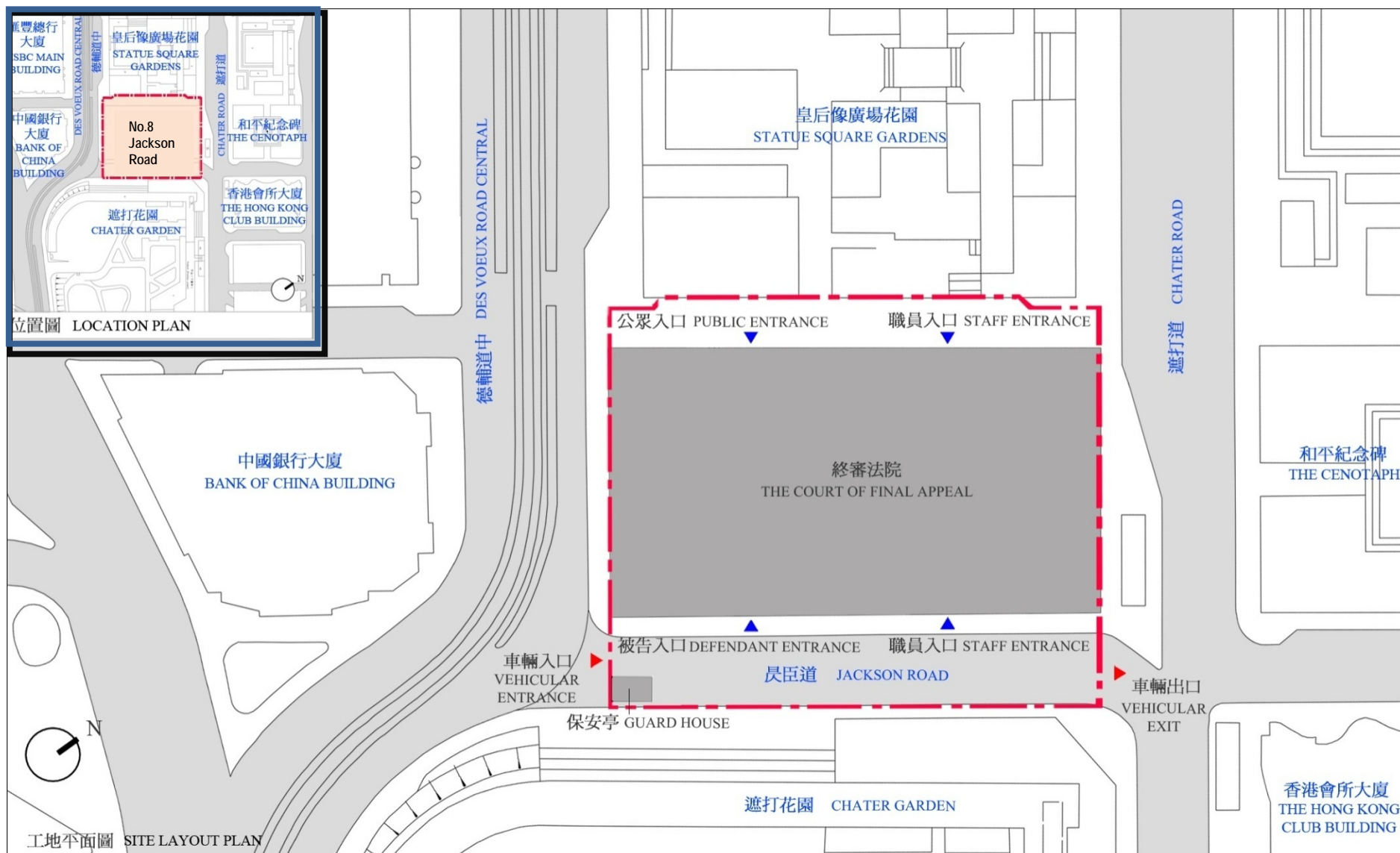


# 1 BACKGROUND - HISTORY



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# SITE LAYOUT PLAN









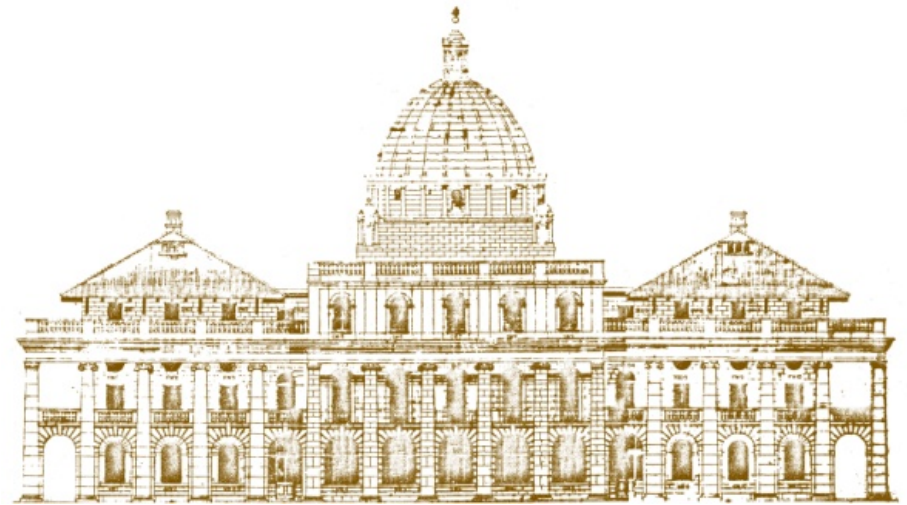
# HISTORY

- 1900-12 Construction of the Supreme Court
- 1912 Governor Sir Frederick Lugard officially opened the Supreme Court
- 1941-45 Headquarters of the Hong Kong Military Police under Japanese Occupation
- 1945-78 The Supreme Court continued operation
- 1978 The Supreme Court relocated elsewhere for structural repair of the building during construction of MTR
- 1985-2011 The Legislative Council



# HERITAGE IMPORTANCE

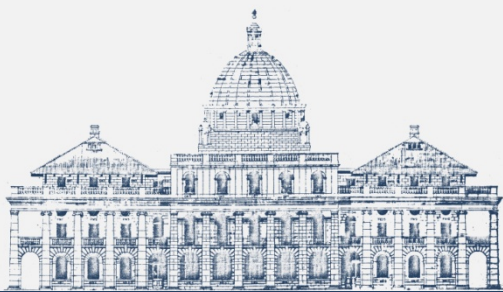
- The **exterior** of the Building was **declared a monument in 1984**, which empowered the Antiquities Authorities to prevent alterations or impose conditions upon any proposed alterations.
- The **interior** of the Building was **NOT declared a monument**, but accorded **Grade 1 status** according to Antiquities and Monuments Office's (AMO) record. AMO's approval shall be obtained for modifications in the interior of the Building.



# CONSERVATION CONCEPTS

1. **Fit in** the new function of Court of Final Appeal. Adaptive reuse the historical building.
2. **Upgrade** to comply with current statutory requirements and up-to-date building services systems.
3. **Preserve** valuable heritage elements of the building as many as possible. When new elements are added, contemporary style will be adopted to make them distinguishable from the old ones.
4. **Restore** valuable heritage elements as appropriate. For elements which could not be restored, it will be archived and displayed as exhibits.
5. **Open** the preserved elements for public appreciation as many as possible and give a new life to this valuable heritage building.

# 2 USE OF THE BUILDING FOR THE CFA



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# ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

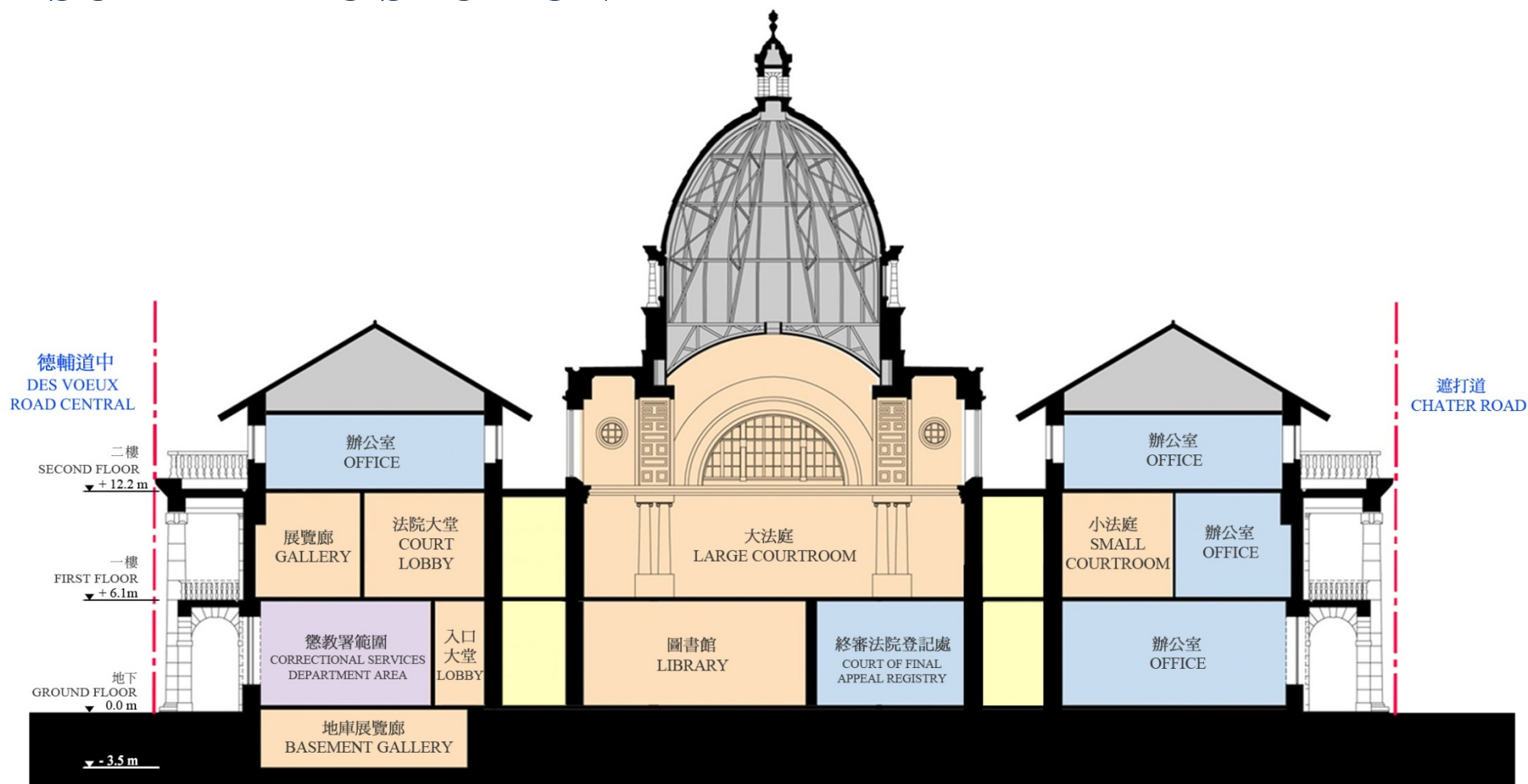
- **Net Operating Floor Area : about 3,070 m<sup>2</sup>**

| Facilities |                             | Number Proposed  |
|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| (1)        | Courtrooms                  | 2<br>(one around 230 m <sup>2</sup> and the other around 95 m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| (2)        | Lawyers' Common Room        | 1  |
| (3)        | Lawyers' Robing Rooms       | 2  |
| (4)        | Lawyers' Consultation Rooms | 4  |
| (5)        | Galleries                   | 2 (Note)   |
| (6)        | Press Room                  | 1  |
| (7)        | Baby-care Facility          | 1  |
| (8)        | Library                     | 1  |
| (9)        | Judges' Chambers            | 8  |
| (10)       | CFA Registry                | 1  |
| (11)       | Conference Rooms            | 2  |

Note: - One gallery (about 150m<sup>2</sup>) is proposed to be located on **1/F** for the hosting of exhibits relevant to the Judiciary and for the hosting of talks and functions.  
 - The other (about 100m<sup>2</sup>) is proposed at the **basement** for the display of the history of architectural development of the Building.



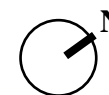
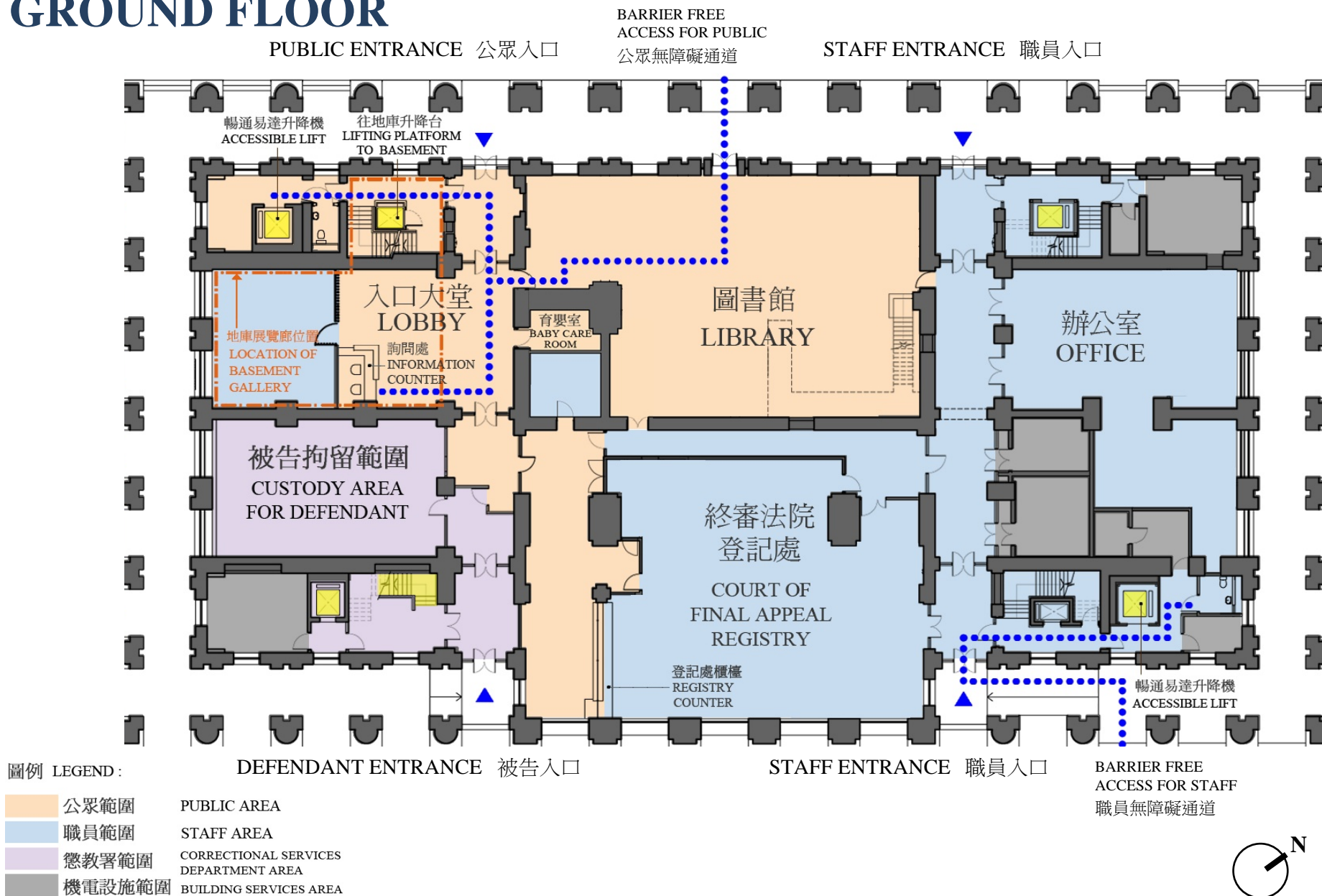
# SCHEMATIC SECTION



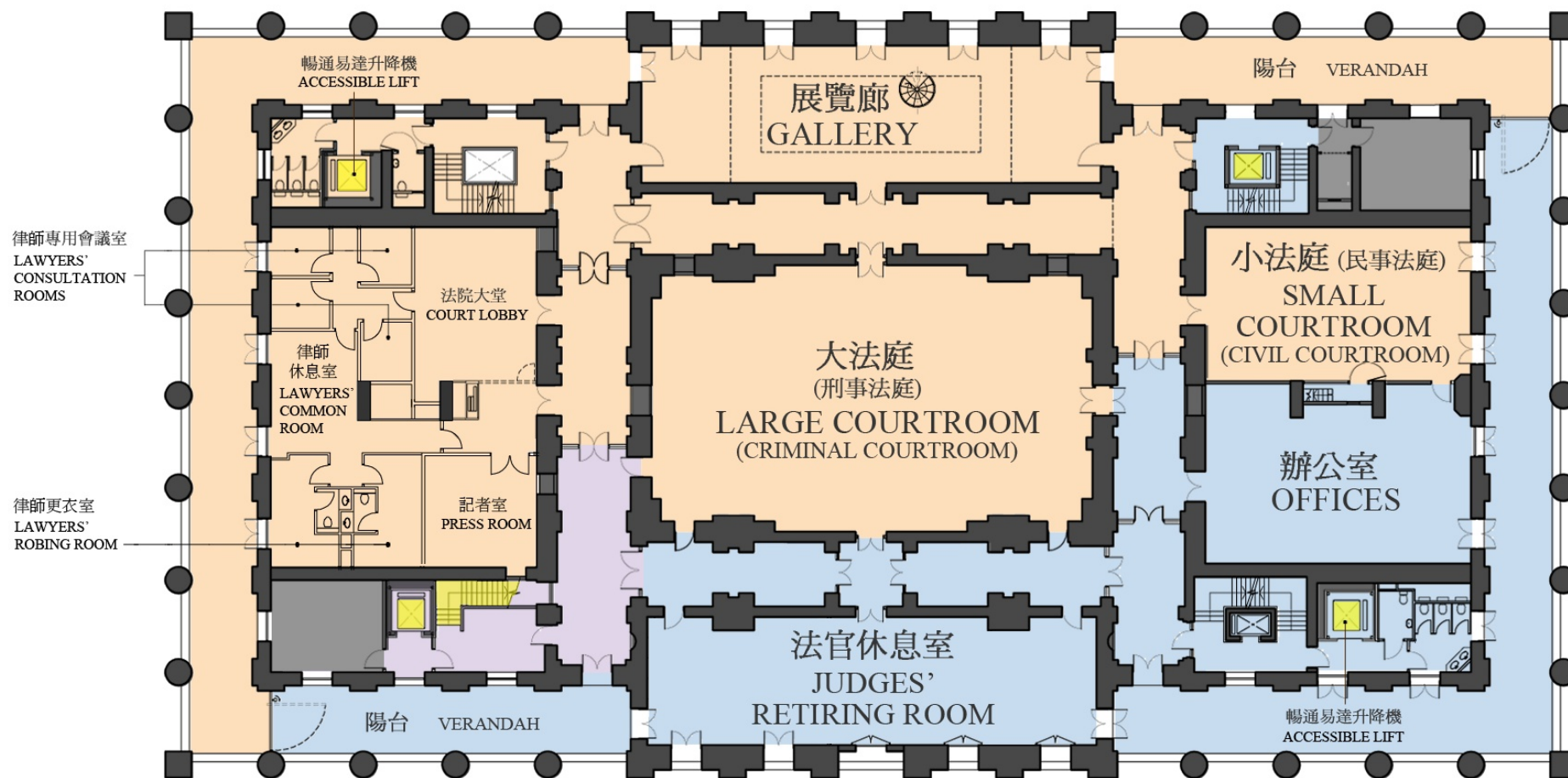
圖例 LEGEND :

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 公眾範圍  | PUBLIC AREA                           |
| 職員範圍  | STAFF AREA                            |
| 懲教署範圍 | CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AREA |

# GROUND FLOOR

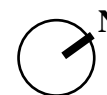


# FIRST FLOOR

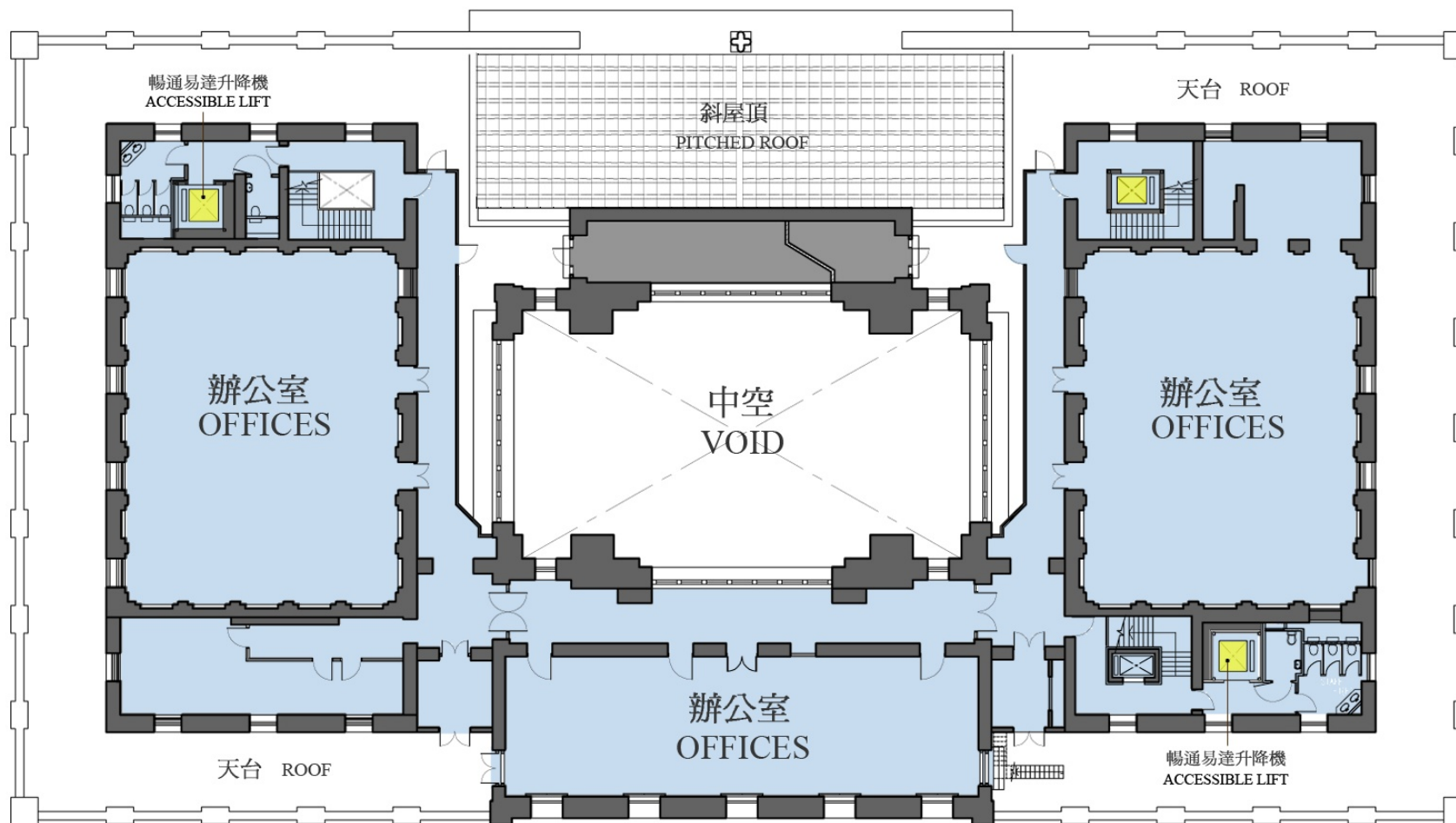


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| 機電設施範圍 | BUILDING SERVICES AREA                |

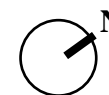


# SECOND FLOOR



圖例 LEGEND :

- |   |        |                        |
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| <span style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: grey; border: 1px solid black;"></span>      | 機電設施範圍 | BUILDING SERVICES AREA |





# LARGE COURTROOM

PRE-CONVERSION : FORMER CHAMBER OF THE LEGCO



# LARGE COURTROOM

## VIEW OF THE LARGE COURTROOM (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)





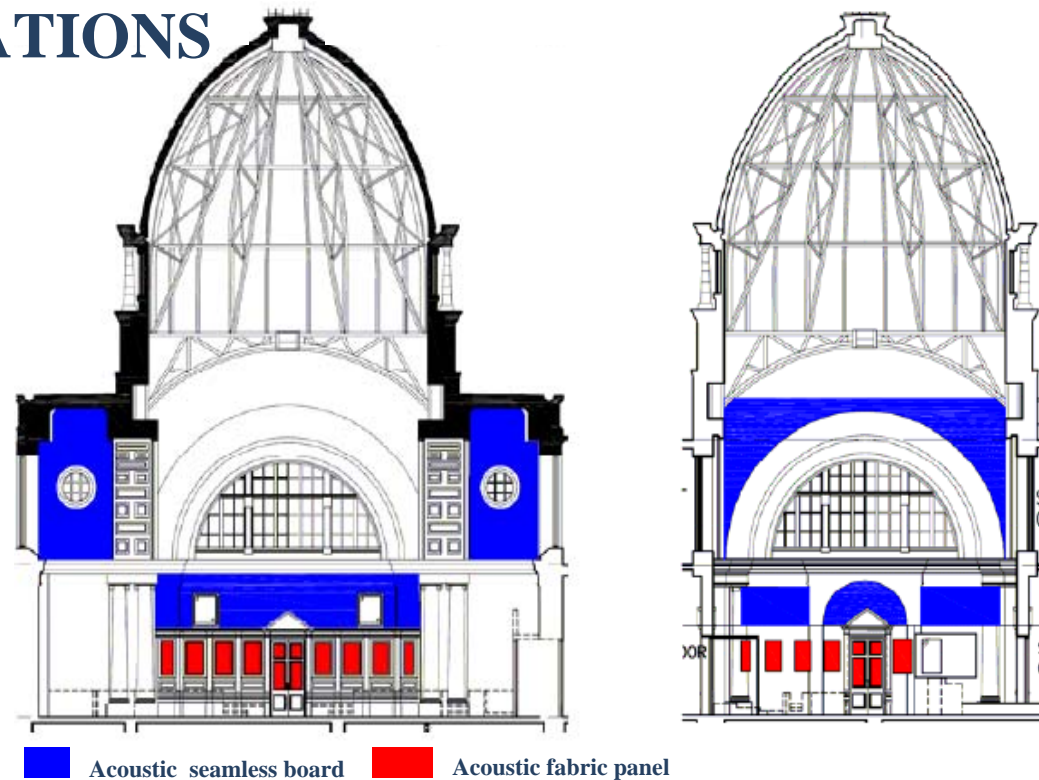
# SMALL COURTROOM

## VIEW OF THE SMALL COURTROOM (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)

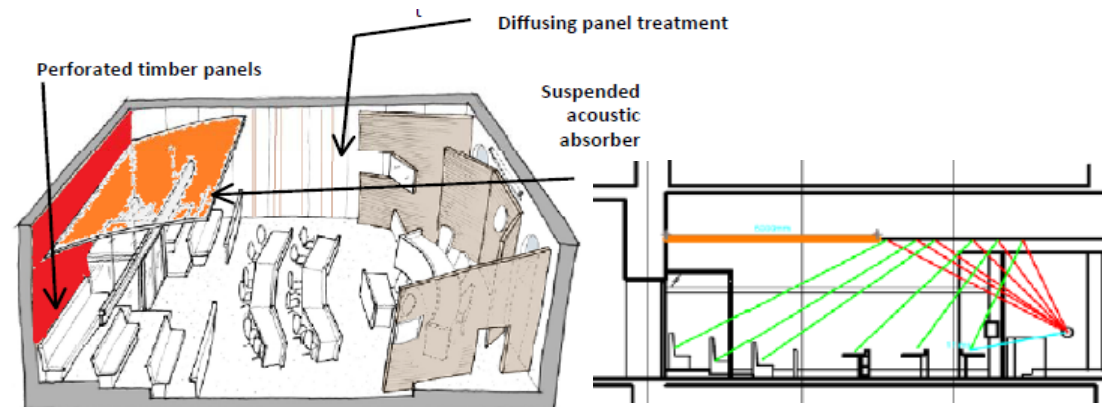


# ACOUSTIC CONSIDERATIONS

- **Specialist acoustic consultant** was engaged for acoustic design of the Large and Small Courtrooms
- **Acoustic treatment** will be provided in the Large and Small Courtrooms to ensure the acoustic environment suitable for **court hearing**



**Large Courtroom**



**Small Courtroom**



# COURT OF FINAL APPEAL REGISTRY

## VIEW OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL REGISTRY (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)





# LIBRARY

## VIEW OF THE LIBRARY(ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)





# EXTERIOR

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE BUILDING FROM NORTH-WESTERN DIRECTION



- No alteration (except minor repair and restoration) will be carried out to the exterior as it is a Declared Monument



# EXTERIOR – LIGHTING DESIGN

## CURRENT VIEW FROM DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL





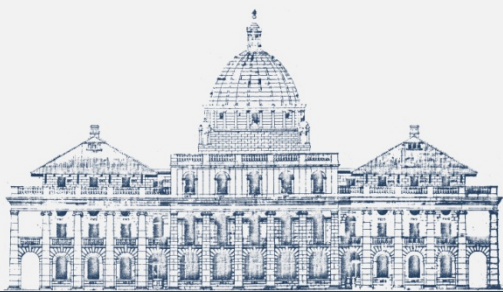
# EXTERIOR – LIGHTING DESIGN

## VIEW FROM DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)



- Adopt simple lighting design to maintain the solemnity of the building
- Adjust colour temperature for better representation of the texture of the historic building
- Highlight important heritage elements including the dome and balustrades

# 3 HERITAGE CONSIDERATIONS





# EXTERNAL WALL

## Proposed Restoration :

### Selective Cleaning and Repairing

- Removing salt deposit & stains as appropriate (e.g. at prominent locations)
- Repair cracks and defective locations





# PITCHED ROOF

## Proposed Restoration :

### Re-tiling of Chinese pitched roof

- Numerous patch-repairing have been carried out, the existing roof tiles and waterproofing layer were **in poor condition**
- Re-tiling to be carried out to restore the original appearance and improve waterproofing performance



# TIMBER ELEMENTS

## Proposed Restoration :

- Refinish with proper protection paint to match their original appearance



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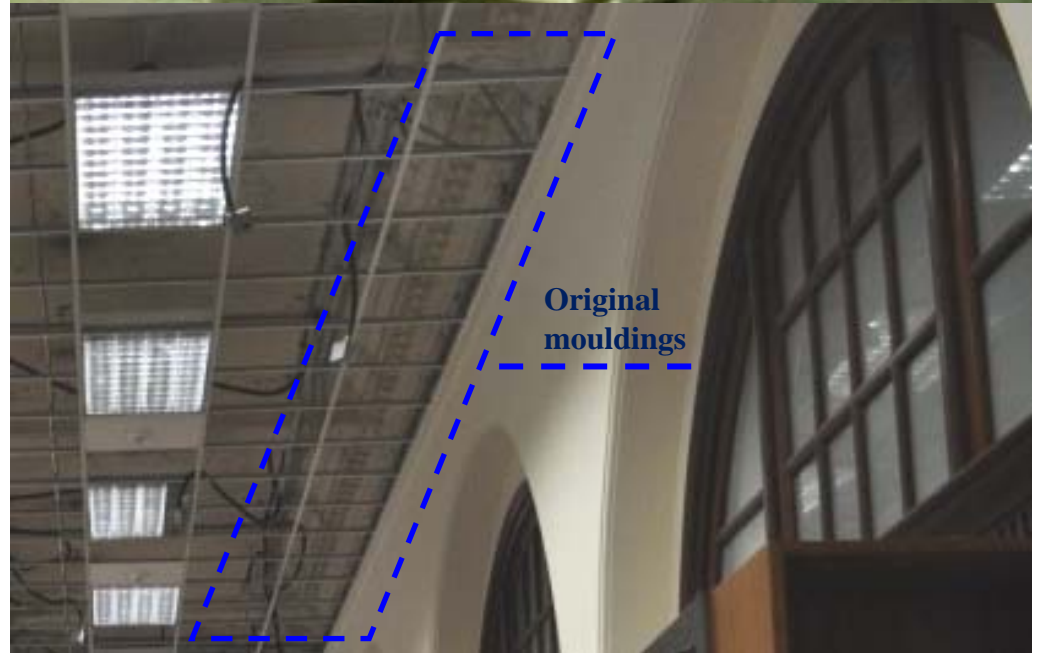
# MOULDINGS

## Findings:

- Mouldings hidden above false ceiling

## Design opportunities:

- Exposing the mouldings for public appreciation at strategic locations where appropriate





# FLOOR FINISHES

## Proposed Restoration :

- Restore the original flooring and expose at strategic locations
- Reveal the original style of certain areas of the interior of the building



Original floor tiles



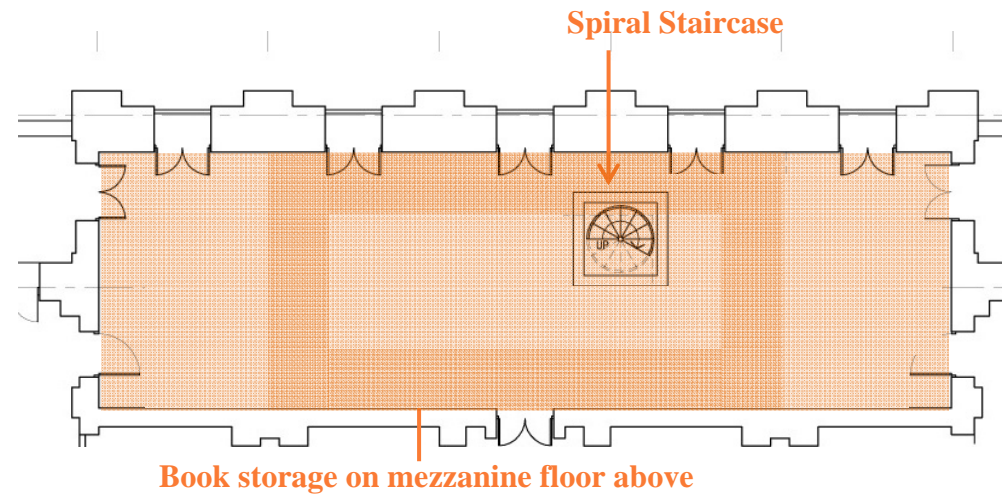
Original tiles near fireplaces



Original teakwood flooring



- [illegible]





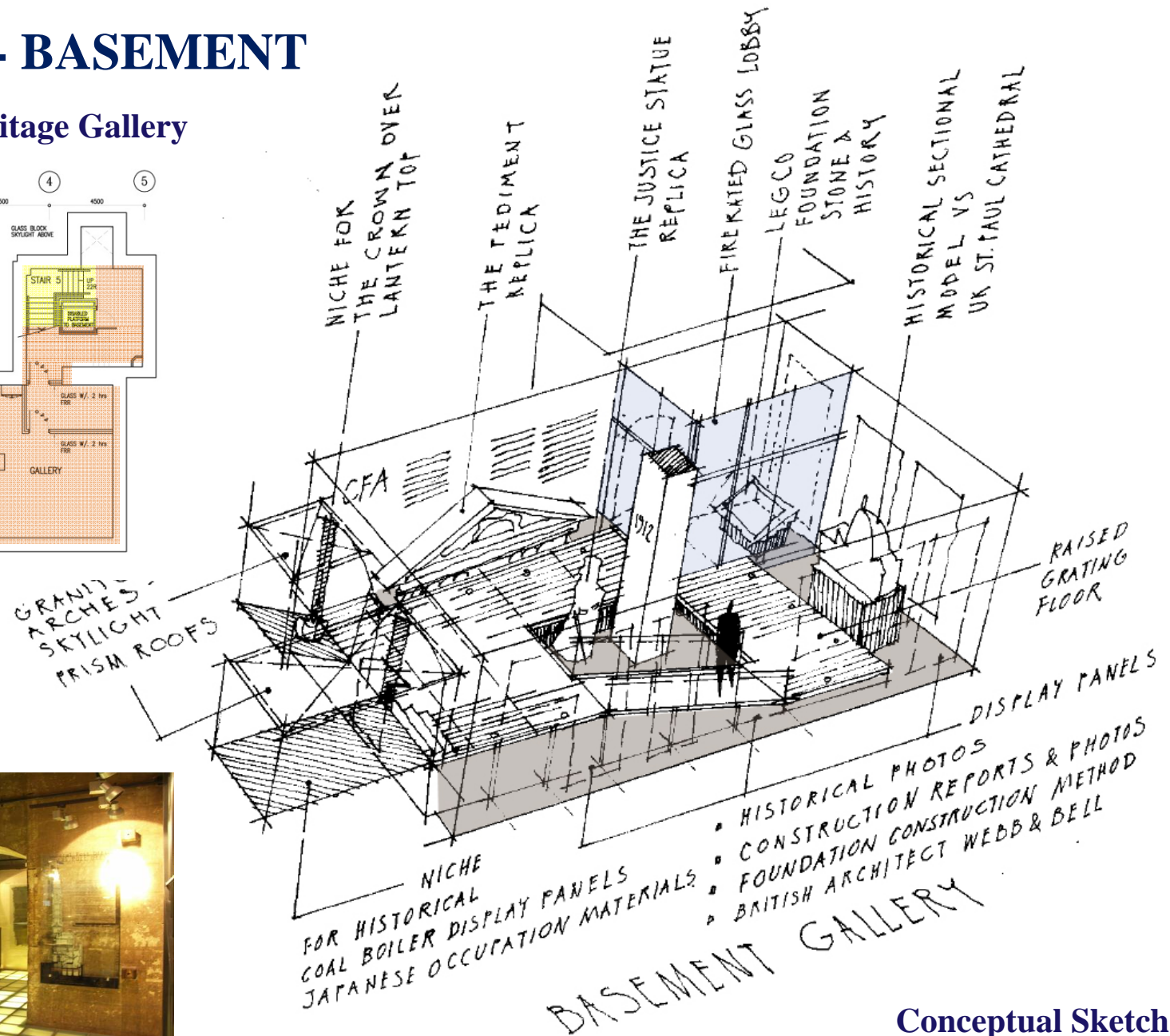
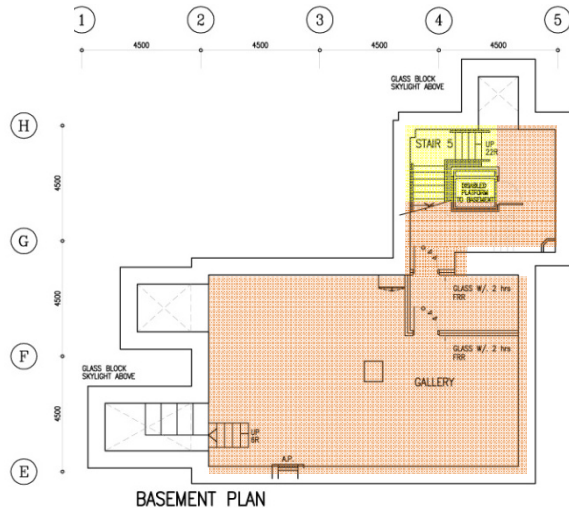
# GALLERY - BASEMENT

- Original space for building heating system apparatus
- With rich architectural characteristics different from other floors
  - e.g. - prisms for daylight reflection
  - exposed structural arches & stone walls



# GALLERY - BASEMENT

## Architectural Heritage Gallery

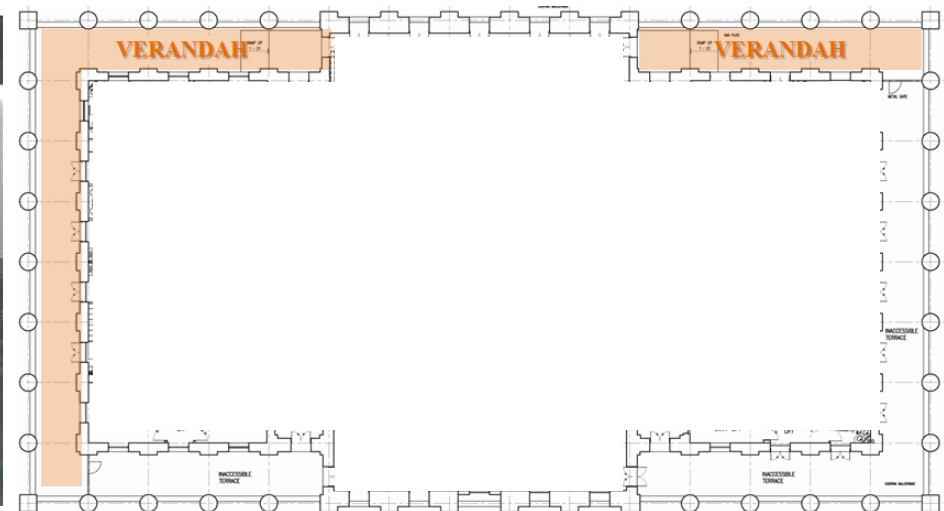
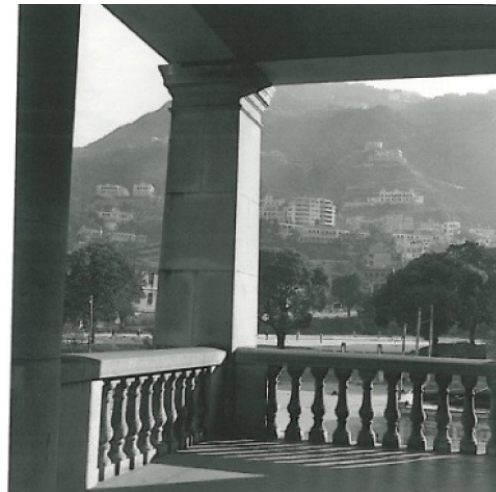
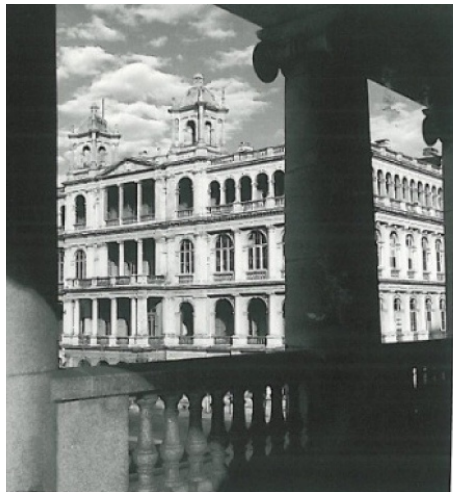


Conceptual Sketch



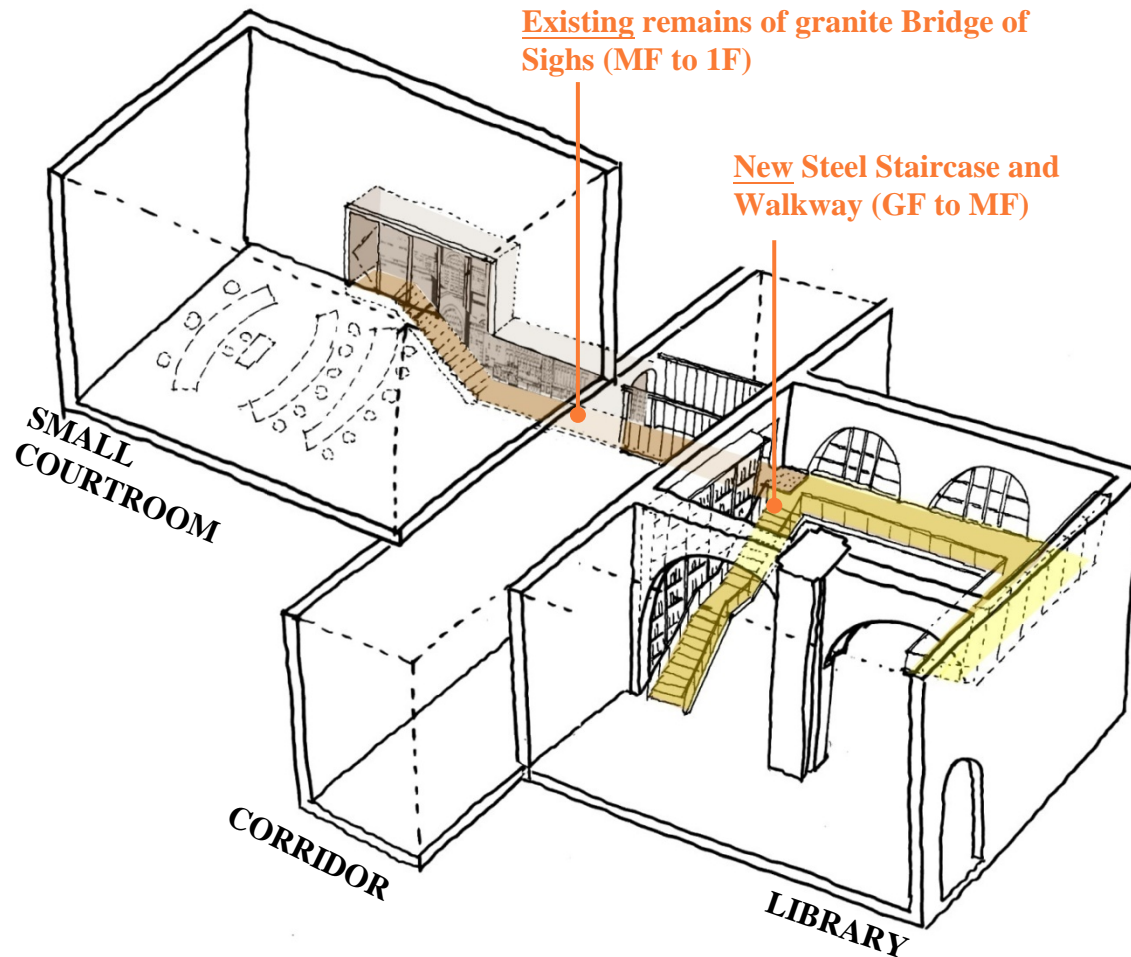
# 1/F VERANDAH

- Provide opportunity for public enjoyment of the unique space
- Minor modifications to suit statutory and security requirements



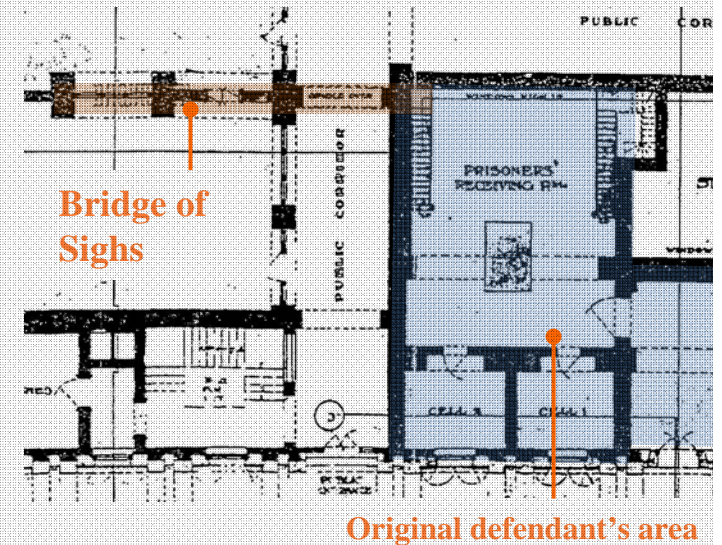
# “BRIDGE OF SIGHS”

## Restoration of the Bridge of Sighs

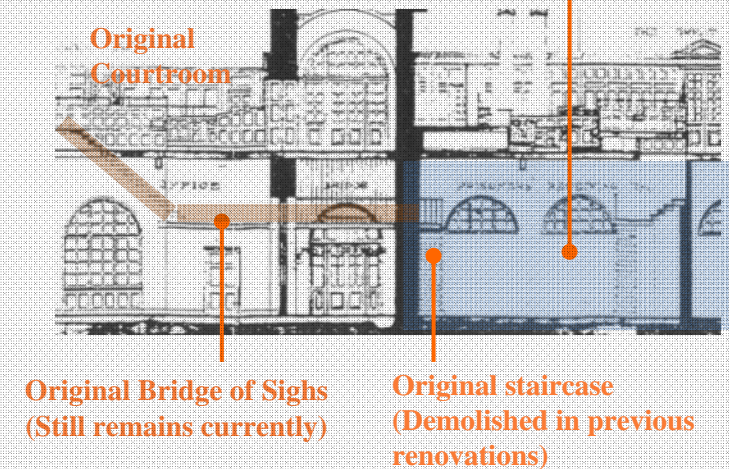


- Newly reconstructed staircase provides access to the remains of the Bridge of Sighs
- Provide opportunities for appreciation of the historic features

## Ground Floor Plan 1912

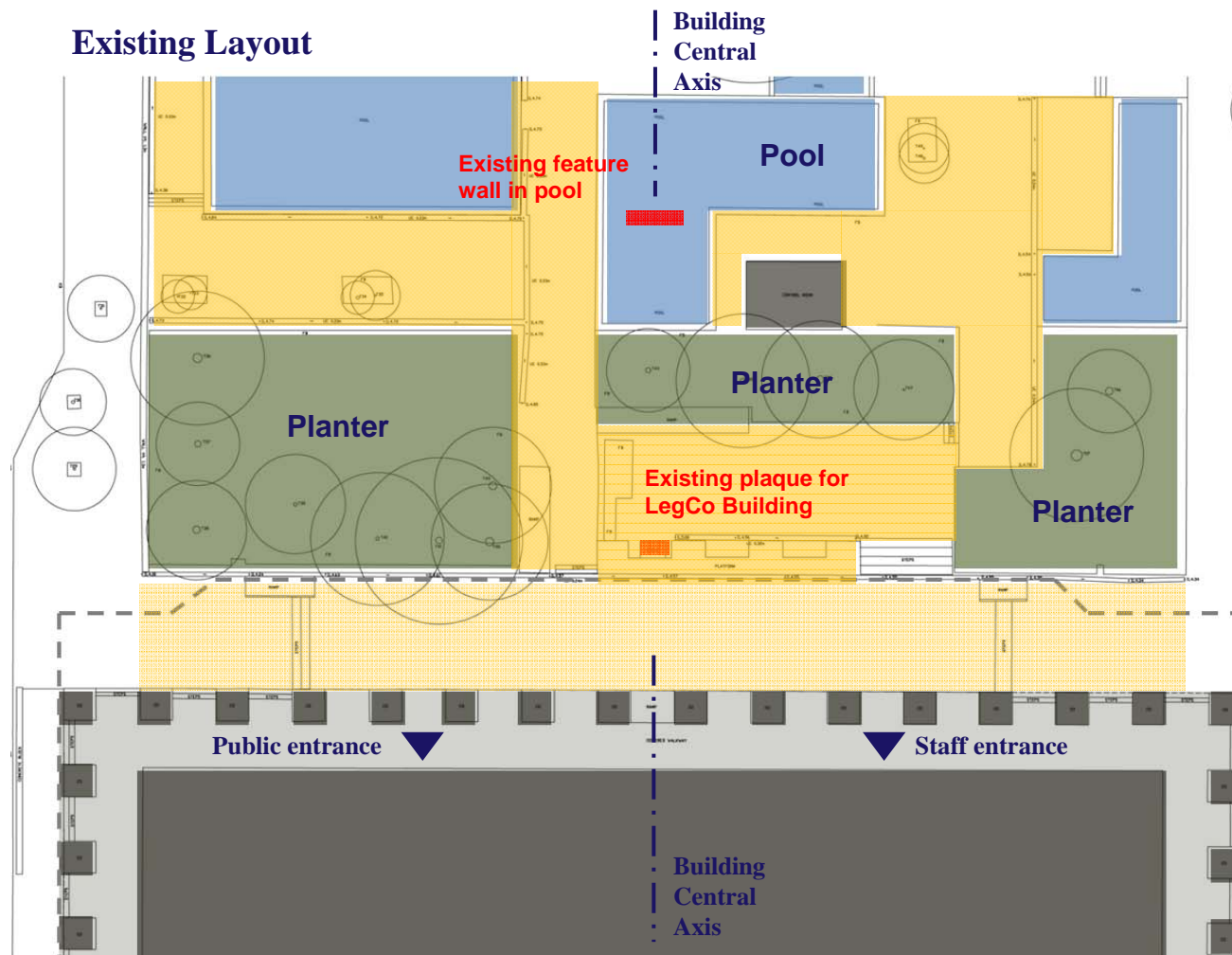


## Building Section 1912

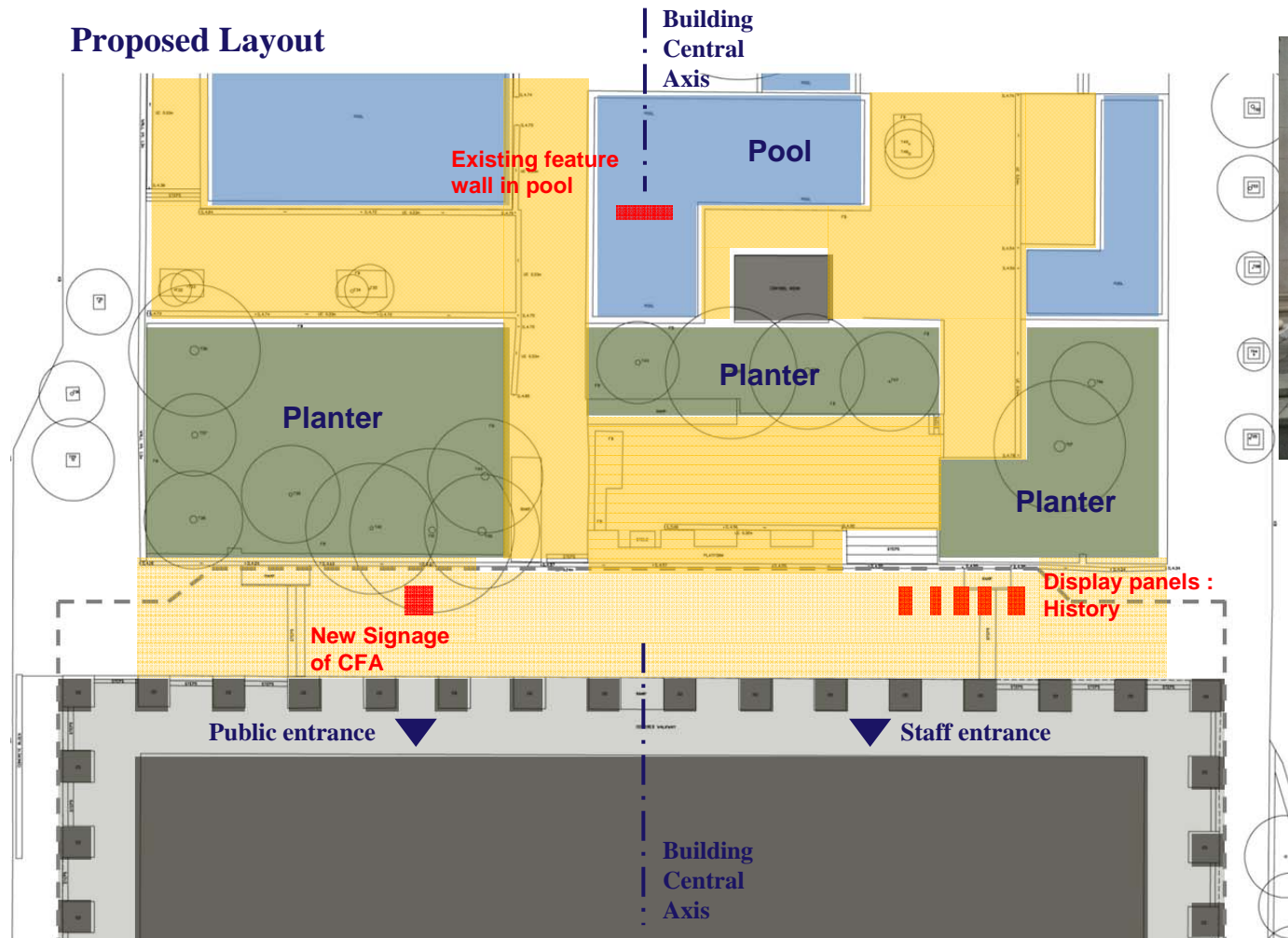




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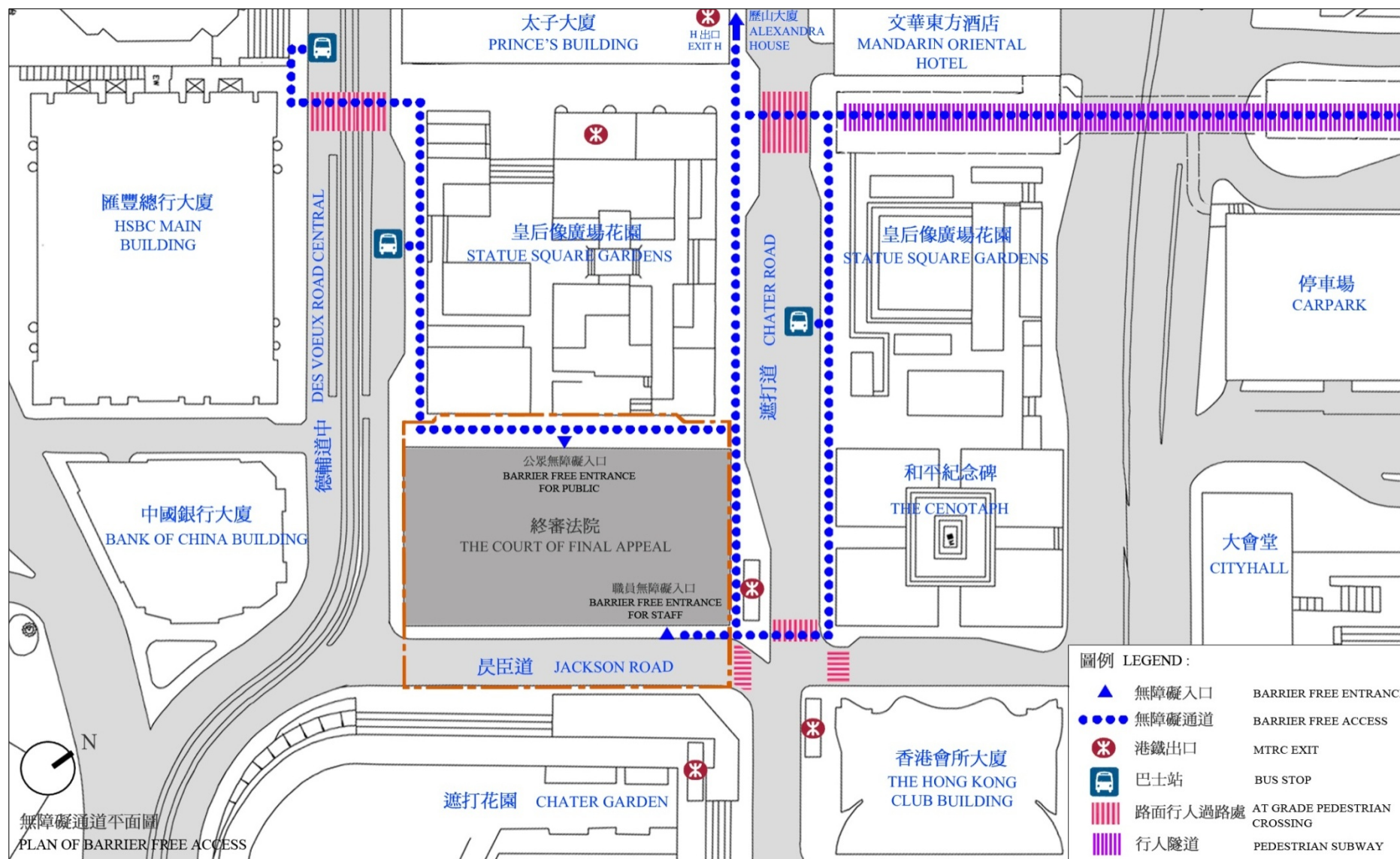
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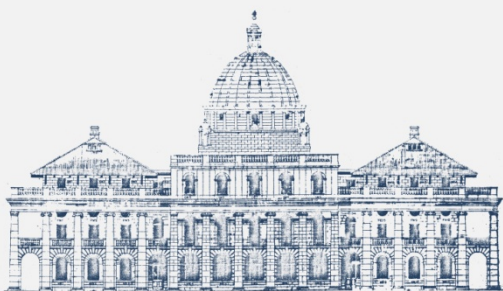
- Pavement to be upgraded
- New Signage of CFA on the external area
- Existing plaque of the LegCo Building to be relocated to the Basement Gallery
- Display panels on building history to be erected



# PLAN OF BARRIER FREE ACCESS



# 4 CONSULTATION



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# CONSULTATION

**1. Criminal Court Users' Committee and Civil Court Users' Committee**

4 May 2012

**2. Central and Western District Council**

17 May 2012

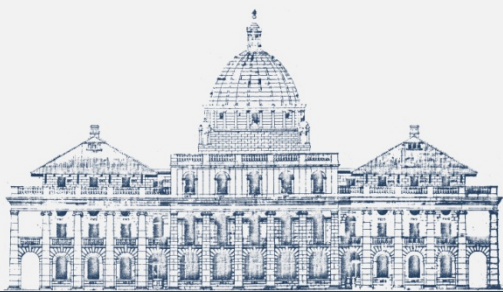
**3. Antiquities Advisory Board**

May 2012

**4. Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services of the Legislative Council**

10 July 2012

# 5 COST



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# **COST**

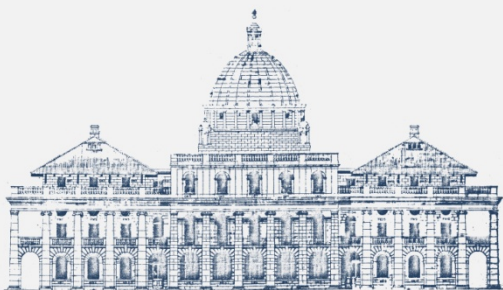
## **1. Estimated Cost**

HK\$ 463.6 million

## **2. Estimated annual recurrent expenditure**

HK\$ 15.0 million

# 6 PROJECT PROGRAMME

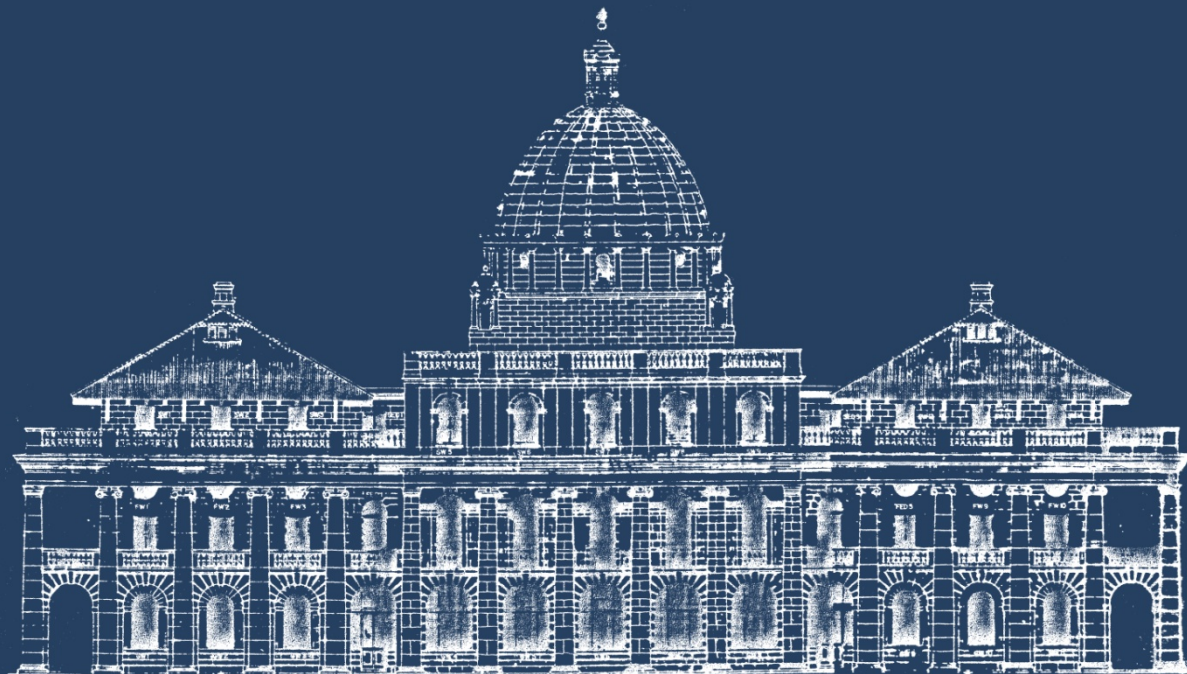


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# PROJECT PROGRAMME

|                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 19 Oct 2012             | Tender Invitation                |
| 30 Nov 2012             | Tender Return                    |
| Dec 2012 – Mar 2013     | Tender Assessment                |
| <b>26 February 2013</b> | <b>AJLS consultation</b>         |
| 13 Mar 2013             | PWSC submission                  |
| 3 May 2013              | FC approval                      |
| May 2013                | Commencement of Conversion Works |
| Mar 2015                | Completion of Conversion Works   |



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