

Preservation, revitalisation and promotion of historic sites and  
buildings in Kowloon City District  
Views of the Kowloon City District Council

Government attaches great importance to the preservation, revitalisation and promotion of historic sites and buildings at the district level. Starting with the ‘points-and-lines’ approach, we preserve, revitalize and link up various historic sites/buildings. Firstly, we consider their group value in grading the historic sites/buildings, in order to have a broad and comprehensive overview of preservation of the historic sites/buildings in the same district. Our district planning also has due regard to the characteristics and the preservation needs of the district, with a view to ensuring that the sites/buildings of heritage value will not be adversely affected. In addition, the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office of the Development Bureau and the Antiquities and Monuments Office of Leisure and Cultural Services Department keep liaison with various works and planning departments, Transport Department, Tourism Commission, Hong Kong Tourism Board, District Offices and Urban Renewal Authority, to ensure that all relevant planning, major works and transport infrastructure projects, promotional activities and other projects, will take full account of the preservation needs of the districts.

The Commissioner for Heritage’s Office and the Antiquities and Monuments Office also promote these historic sites/buildings through various means, with a view to bringing out the history of the district and proceeding progressively with district-based promotion of heritage conservation under the “plane” concept. As suggested by Members of the Kowloon City District Council, district-based promotion of heritage conservation could better reflect the characteristics of a district and will be one of the themes of our public education and publicity activities in the coming year. Furthermore, when launching various revitalisation projects in individual districts, in addition to preserving historic buildings and facilitating public access, we will promote public engagement through exhibition, publication of leaflets, workshops, courses, guided tours and improving dissemination of information on the locations of historic sites/buildings at the district level. Historic sites/buildings in the same district will be linked up and introduced in all these activities to promote the history and the characteristics of the district.

Lun Tsun Stone Bridge remnants are an important historic treasure in Kowloon City District. Government has completed the first stage of the public engagement exercise, with a view to gauging public views on how best the Bridge remnants can be preserved and interpreted when we proceed with the Kai Tak Development. Our next step is to proceed with the second stage public engagement exercise, and having thoroughly considered the views of the Kowloon City District Council, the Wong Tai Sin District Council and the public, to carry out the design for the Development. In the course of the design, we will follow the established preservation principles, including the principle that the Bridge's remnants should have a good linkage with existing cultural/heritage resources in Kowloon City district, in particular the Kowloon Walled City Park, to promote public awareness of Hong Kong's local history.

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