



## Press Release

### **UNESCO-awarded Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong Was Voted As 'Asia's Leading Heritage Hotel 2016'**

**[Hong Kong, 19 October 2016]** – UNESCO-awarded Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong has been voted as 'Asia's Leading Heritage Hotel 2016' in World Travel Awards™. This prestigious honour was presented in the World Travel Awards Asia & Australasia Gala Ceremony 2016 to recognise the hotel's commitment to excellence that has demonstrated in the last 12 months.

World Travel Awards™ was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel tourism and hospitality industry. It is recognised globally as the ultimate hallmark of quality, with winners setting the benchmark to which all others aspire. World Travel Awards™ is voted by travel and tourism professionals worldwide, and the award ceremony was held at InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort in Vietnam on 15 October 2016.

'We are grateful to learn that Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong was voted as the Asia's Leading Heritage Hotel by the industry professionals, this accolade is a great encouragement to us. We will continue our efforts in promoting heritage conservation and sustainable tourism,' said Mr Daryl Ng JP, Director of Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited.

Initiated and operated as a non-profit social enterprise by Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF), Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong is one of the six projects under Batch I of Hong Kong SAR Government Development Bureau's 'Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme'. Graded as a Grade II historic building by Hong Kong Antiquities Advisory Board in 2010, the 114-year-old colonial architecture had been transformed successfully from the Old Tai O Police Station to a nine-room heritage boutique hotel surrounded by lush greenery.

Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong has dedicated effort to both hardware conservation led by architectural consultants, interior designers and landscape experts to conserve extensively the Old Tai O Police Station's original architecture and significance, as well as the software conservation by engaging the Hong Kong community, overseas travellers, conservation enthusiasts harmoniously at large while enhancing social and economic opportunities provided by the conserved heritage boutique hotel. As a non-profit social enterprise, all proceeds of the Hotel deducting operational costs would go to support heritage conservation and the Tai O community.

Since its opening in February 2012, the hotel has received over 920,000 visitors to date and hosts Open House Event annually. This November, the Open House Event will be complemented with the first-ever 'Wedding Interlude @ Tai O Heritage Hotel' to be held on 4 and 5 November 2016, showcasing the hotel as an ideal seaside wedding venue to all weds-to-be, who are looking for a 'hidden-gem' to stage their dream wedding ceremony, lunch reception or dinner banquet.

The award is the latest international honour received by the hotel. In addition to the 2015 Sustainable Hotel Award – Sustainable Destinations' by the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP), it has received a total of 21 accolades, recognising its devotion in heritage conservation, service excellence, corporate social responsibility and eco-tourism.

**About Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong ([www.taioheritagehotel.com](http://www.taioheritagehotel.com))**

Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong, graded as a Grade II historic building by Hong Kong Antiquities Advisory Board, was revitalised from the Old Tai O Police Station, a history-steeped building that dates back to 1902. It is now home to nine colonial-style rooms, a Heritage Interpretation Centre and a glass-roofed open view restaurant Tai O Lookout. Since its opening in February 2012, the Hotel has received over 920,000 visitors. As a non-profit social enterprise, Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong is committed to engaging the public in bolstering Tai O's local economy, achieving synergy with local communities, and promoting heritage conservation, tourism and green living.

**About Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited ([www.hkheritage.org](http://www.hkheritage.org))**

The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation is a non-profit organisation set up by the Ng Teng Fong family in March 2008. The primary objectives of the company are to revitalise and maintain heritage buildings, as well as to promote the conservation and appreciation of heritage and historic places and their importance in community life. The organisation's management team has solid experience in heritage revitalisation and has previously participated in a number of heritage projects in Singapore, including The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, Clifford Pier and Far East Square.

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UNESCO-Awarded Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong was voted as 'Asia's Leading Heritage Hotel 2016' at World Travel Awards Asia & Australasia Gala Ceremony on 15 October 2016 in Danang Vietnam, Iris Wong, Project Committee Member of Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation representing the Project to receive the honour.