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Tai O Heritage Hotel Gains Global Recognition Garnering Three Titles at the 2017 World Luxury Hotel Awards

HONG KONG, Dec. 28, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Tai O Heritage Hotel recently garnered three titles at the 2017 World Luxury Hotel Awards, including Country Winner in Luxury Historical Hotel, Country Winner in Luxury Heritage Hotel and Regional Winner for East Asia in Luxury Cultural Retreat. Most notably, Tai O Heritage Hotel was the sole Hong Kong-based hotel to be named as the Regional Winner for East Asia in Luxury Cultural Retreat. These prestigious honours were presented at the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz in Switzerland on December 2, 2017.

Established in 2006, the World Luxury Hotel Awards is a recognised global organization that aims to provide luxury hotels with recognition for their world-class facilities and excellent services provided to guests, as well as facilitate their continuous service improvement efforts. Over 300,000 international guests, travellers and representatives of the industry vote each year to select the winners in 50 award categories.

Tai O Heritage Hotel is run as a non-profit social enterprise by the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation. Director Daryl Ng Win Kong said, "We are honoured and excited to receive these international awards and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders, including the residents of Tai O fishing village, the Hong Kong Government and our customers for their support over last five years, all of whom have witnessed our achievement. These awards recognise and encourage our ongoing commitment to the conservation of historic buildings and the promotion of sustainable tourism in Hong Kong."

Since the opening in 2012, Tai O Heritage Hotel has received more than a million visitors and guests. By conserving the structure that housed the Old Tai O Police Station and participating in more than 100 community events, the hotel not only strives to preserve the unique landscape and livelihood of the fishing village, but also works with the local community to turn Tai O into one of the most popular tourist destinations in Hong Kong. The hotel also creates jobs for residents in Tai O and Lantau, in addition to providing a range of curated community engagement programs, accommodation experiences and the ecotourism guided tours.

The hotel won the Award of Merit at UNESCO 2013 Asia-Pacific Cultural Heritage Awards and received four titles, among them, Hong Kong's Best Small Hotel 2017/18, Hong Kong's Best Classic Heritage Hotel 2017/18, International Five Stars Hotel 2017/18 and Asia Pacific's Best Small Hotel 2017/18, at The International Hotel Awards™ earlier this year.

About Tai O Heritage Hotel (www.taioheritagehotel.com)

Perched on a small hill of the waterfront sidewalk of Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O Heritage Hotel, graded as a Grade II historic building by the Antiquities Advisory Board, is a collaborative revitalisation project between Development Bureau of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the non-profit social enterprise, Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF). The architecture has been conserved and transformed from the century-old Tai O Police Station constructed in 1902. Conferred with the Unesco Award of Merit in 2013, it is now home to nine colonial-style rooms, Heritage Interpretation Centre and a glass-roofed open view restaurant, Tai O Lookout. Tai O Heritage Hotel commits to promote heritage conservation, tourism, green living and engage the public in bolstering Tai O's economy, and to achieve synergy with other local facilities. A comprehensive offer of accommodations, tour and event packages are designated to provide guests with an itinerary to unwind and to experience the inspiring

attractions of Tai O and the natural environment. Since its opening, the hotel has welcomed over 1.2 million guests and visitors through community engagement activities and public access daily from 11am – 6pm. Free story tour of the old police station are conducted daily at 3 pm, 3:30 pm and 4 pm.

About Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (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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