

Tai O Heritage Hotel gains global recognition garnering Three Titles at the 2017 World Luxury Hotel Awards

HONG KONG, Dec. 13, 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, travelers 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 are 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 an 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 AwardsTM earlier this year.

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

Tai O Heritage Hotel, located at Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O and surrounded by lush greenery, was transformed from the 115-year-old Old Tai O Police Station built in 1902 and graded as a Grade II historic building by the Antiquities Advisory Board. The hotel is under Batch I of Hong Kong SAR Government Development Bureau's Revitalizing Historic Buildings through Partnership Scheme and has now become a cultural and historic landmark in Tai O fishing village, Lantau Island. Opened in 2012 and operated as a non-profit social enterprise, Tai O Heritage Hotel provides free guided tours every day to the general public and charity organizations with the aim of heightening awareness around the conservation of historic buildings. It is now home to nine elegantly decorated rooms, the Heritage Interpretation Centre and the



glass-roofed open view restaurant Tai O Lookout. Tai O Heritage Hotel has received more than a million visitors and guests since opening its doors five years ago.

About Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (www.hkheritage.org)

Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF) is a non-profit-making organization established by the Ng Teng Fong Family in March 2008. It identifies and showcases the heritage significance of historical projects in both Hong Kong and Singapore. HCF holds the belief that conservation of cultural heritage helps the community to build a sense of identity and strengthen relationships in society. The primary objectives of HCF are to revitalise and conserve historic buildings, and to promote the appreciation and importance of cultural heritage to the community. Directors of HCF are enthusiastic supporters of community initiatives, and possess considerable experience in heritage buildings revitalisation projects. They have been actively involved in many heritage projects, including Tai O Heritage Hotel, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, Clifford Pier and Far East Square.

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