



Press Release

Sustainable Wedding Destination @ Tai O Heritage Hotel A Wedding Interlude

[Hong Kong, 4 November 2016] UNESCO-awarded Tai O Heritage Hotel hosted the first-ever ‘Wedding-Interlude @ Tai O Heritage Hotel’ on 4 and 5 November 2016 to showcase the award-winning hotel as an ideal seaside wedding venue for all weds-to-be, who are looking for a ‘hidden-gem’ to stage their dream weddings. Since its opening in 2012, the hotel has been dedicated to engage the Tai O community and promote heritage and culture conservation. Traditional Chinese marriage rituals and folk customs of Tai O fishing village were introduced to all weds-to-be, inspiring them to embark on a romantic voyage, symbolising the fulfilling journey of love at this Wedding Interlude.

Century-old fishing village Tai O witnessed hundreds of thousands wedding couples to tie their knots with elaborate folk rituals and processions that took place for two to three days. On 4 November 2016, bride-to-be Corinna Chamberlain and her fiancé, Eddy were invited to the wedding showcase and demonstrated the traditional Tai O fishing village water marriage rituals at the glass-roofed restaurant Tai O Lookout of Tai O Heritage Hotel. The groom used a paper fan to mock as three ‘knocks or reminders’ on the bride’s head, signifying the blissful messages of health, marital piety and giving birth to new kin. Pre-wedding photographs of Corinna and Eddy taken by renowned wedding photographer Chan Kit were displayed. The wed-to-be and Chan Kit shared their unique and aspiring photo shooting experience in Tai O and Tai O Heritage Hotel. All guests savoured the wedding menu prepared by the chef team of Tai O Lookout.

Nestled in the western-most strip of Lantau Island in Hong Kong and graded as a Grade II historic building by the Antiquities Advisory Board, the 114-year-old Tai O Heritage Hotel was revitalised from the Old Tai O Police Station, a history-steeped building that dates back to 1902. The UNESCO-awarded hotel has been voted as ‘Asia’s Leading Heritage Hotel 2016’ in World Travel Awards™ recently. Perched on a small hill of the waterfront sidewalk of Shek Tsai Po Street, the hotel is a sustainable wedding destination signifying timeless serenity and intimacy for celebrating memorable dream weddings. Weds-to-be are well blessed by all the fisher folks right from their doorsteps, water alleyways, stilt houses, town hall square and village landmarks.

Tai O Heritage Hotel offers customised western wedding packages with a maximum capacity of 60 persons. Four-course wedding lunch menu starts from HK\$588 per person*; five-course wedding dinner menu starts from HK\$788 per person*. Pre-wedding photo shoot package at promotional price HK\$2,688# includes 3-hour photo shoot within the hotel area and lunch for two at Tai O Lookout. All proceeds of the historic celebration of weds-to-be deducting operating cost will support local heritage conservation and the Tai O

community. (*Subject to 10% service charge. #Photo shoot service is not included; an advance reservation is required; terms and conditions apply.)

About Tai O Lookout

Perched atop the 114-year-old historic building housing the Tai O Heritage Hotel, Tai O Lookout is the glass-roofed restaurant that oversees the tranquil South China Sea, lush greenery and ascends the best vantage point for sunset and stargazing. The restaurant is named after the historic guard tower where the marine police stationed to guard against pirates a century ago. Housing the wood-carved antique furniture previously belonging to China Tee Club, Tai O Lookout has had its vibe and flavour revived. It also serves as a platform to showcase the ingenious creations by Hong Kong artists.

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

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 the Antiquities Advisory Board, the hotel 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. Tai O Heritage Hotel Hong Kong has been awarded by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with the Award of Merit at the 2013 Asia-Pacific Awards in Cultural Heritage Conservation. Since its opening in February 2012, the Hotel has received over 920,000 visitors. As a non-profit social enterprise, the hotel has received a total of 21 accolades, recognising its devotion in heritage conservation, service excellence, corporate social responsibility and eco-tourism.

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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