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Tai O Heritage Hotel Cleans Up Tai O Shores with the Community

Hong Kong, 16 November 2020..... Tai O Heritage Hotel, revitalised and converted from the Old Tai O Police Station that was built in 1902 and designated as a Grade II historic building, is committed to promoting heritage conservation, eco-tourism and supporting the community. In an effort to protect the marine environment in Tai O and raising awareness of marine stewardship, 10 participants of the Hospitality Young Leaders Programme joined hands with community partner Eco Marine, some 20 Tai O residents, pupils and staff from a local kindergarten last Friday in cleaning up Tai O shores.

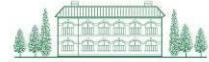
The waters off Tai O are a natural habitat of the Chinese white dolphins and a host of species. The volunteers have cleaned up the shores near Yeung Hau Temple and the hotel. About 150 kg of waste including plastic packaging, plastic containers, glass bottles and construction waste has been collected.

Under the guidance of Eco Marine, the volunteers sorted the waste for further processing, playing their part in preserving the environment and natural resources. The young leaders also took the opportunity to teach the kids about the importance of environmental protection and waste reduction at source, fostering green habits in the next generation.

‘We are glad to have the opportunity to collaborate with the young leaders, community partner and Tai O residents to help preserve the rich marine resources and beautiful scenery of Tai O. We look forward to more collaborations with like-minded partners to support the community while sharing environmental messages with the young generations,’ remarks Mr Daryl Ng, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation.

Ms Keilem Ng, Founder of Eco Marine, appreciates collective effort. ‘We value partnership, and are excited to join hands with Tai O Heritage Hotel and the local community on this meaningful service. In addition to cleaning the shores, we want to raise awareness and promote appreciation of the natural beauty of Tai O,’ remarks Ms Ng.

Operated as a not-for-profit social enterprise, Tai O Heritage Hotel has been working closely with the community. It has participated in more than 100 community programmes, including traditional festivities, cultural activities and community services to support those in need. In addition, the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation initiated the ‘Tai O Stilt House Restoration Programme’ in 2018 to preserve the unique architecture and its distinctive intangible cultural value. Six stilt houses have been restored since launch.



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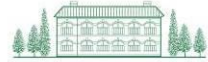
About the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation

Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Ng Family in March 2008. It identifies and showcases the heritage significance of historical projects. 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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About Tai O Heritage Hotel

Tai O Heritage Hotel, located in Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O and surrounded by lush greenery, has been transformed from the 118-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 part of Batch I of Hong Kong SAR Government Development Bureau's Revitalising Historic Buildings through Partnership Scheme. Opened in March 2012 and operated as a not-for-profit social enterprise, Tai O Heritage Hotel provides free guided tours daily for the general public and charitable organisations with the aim of heightening awareness of the conservation of historic buildings. It is home to nine elegantly decorated rooms, the Heritage Interpretation Centre and the glass-roofed open-view restaurant Tai O Lookout. The Hotel has won the Award of Merit at UNESCO 2013 Asia-Pacific Cultural Heritage Awards and has been voted as 'Asia's Leading Heritage Hotel 2016' in World Travel Awards™. It has received more than 1.2 million visitors and guests since opening.

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