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## **A Decade of Warm Hospitality 120 Years of Community Making in Tai O Tai O Heritage Hotel celebrates memorable milestones with community programmes and festivities**

**Hong Kong, 11 June 2022.....** Revitalised from the Old Tai O Police Station, Tai O Heritage Hotel (TOHH) is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, while the Grade II historic building housing the hotel marks 120 years of community making in Tai O. 2022 also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

In commemoration of the meaningful milestones, TOHH is launching programmes celebrating the community and culture, including public art installation, the ‘120-year Tai O Heritage Snap-It Competition’, tailored menu and hospitality offerings. The highlight of the celebrations is the ceremony held today.

Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, Chief Executive of HKSAR, graced the ceremony as the Guest of Honour, while Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan, GBM, GBS, JP, Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council; Mr Liu Chun-san, JP, Under Secretary for Development of HKSAR; Mr Randy Yu Hon-kwan, MH, JP, Chairman of the Islands District Council; Mr Ho Siu-kei, Chairman of the Tai O Rural Committee; Mr Philip Liao, Partner of Philip Liao & Partners; Mr Stanley Wong, Chairman of the Tai O Culture Association, and Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong, SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation, officiated at the ceremony, during which they enjoyed a curated catwalk by students from CCC Tai O Primary School featuring Tai O’s unique festivities including water wedding, Cantonese opera and dragon boat parade.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Daryl Ng thanked Mrs Carrie Lam for the inspiring sustainability initiative and shared his fond memories with the community. ‘On this memorable occasion, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Lam for driving the conservation effort, the Development Bureau for providing this meaningful platform for us to preserve cultural gems and collective memories for future generations, the teams helping to bring the heritage hotel into life and above all, the Tai O community for the wonderful support over the past decade.’

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Since opening in March 2012, TOHH has been operating as a not-for-profit social enterprise with surpluses channelled to maintenance of the site. It has welcomed more than 1.7 million visitors from Hong Kong and overseas. TOHH contributes to the sustainable development of the local economy and eco-tourism through the provision of employment opportunities, engagement of local service providers, use of local ingredients and provision of docent tours. Today, half of its workforce comes from Tai O and Lantau. TOHH has been recognised by local and international communities for its engagement with the community, including an Award of Merit at the 2013 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

‘We are thankful to the Tai O community and friends for the great support on this wondrous journey. We look forward to creating more exciting Tai O stories together,’ adds Mr Ng.

**Community programmes and festivities:**

Community	<p>The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation has partnered with CCC Tai O Primary School on the launch of the School Development Programme to support development of students, teachers’ training, school facilities and conservation of natural environment.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation launched the Hospitality Young Leaders Programme in 2020, which provides aspiring local graduates with 12 months of comprehensive training in hospitality, eco-tourism and heritage conservation, including stints at Tai O Heritage Hotel. The award-winning programme has been well received, with the third year of programme starting in July 2022.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation continues the Tai O Stilt House Restoration Programme, which it initiated in 2018. Through the programme, stilt houses in Tai O are repaired and restored, especially for the elderly, so as to conserve the intangible cultural value of the village. The project has seen ten stilt houses restored and more houses are expected to be restored this year.</p>
Hospitality	<p>TOHH has undertaken a comprehensive renovation of the nine guest rooms to provide visitors with a refreshing and immersive experience.</p> <p>The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Afternoon Tea Set, featuring time-honoured dishes with local ingredients and authentic flavours, will be offered as a limited-time offer at HK\$120 from 12 June to 30 September 2022.</p>



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<p>Cultural Experience</p>	<p>TOHH has initiated ArtWalk@Tai O, a public art programme. The two phases see the launch of ten murals at various locations of the village celebrating the beauty and character of Tai O. The third phase was heralded by <i>See Through Tai O</i>, which comprised a paper-cutting-inspired wooden panel and 120 colourful fishes hand-painted by Tai O students and hotel volunteers, and brought joy to the neighbourhood at the Chinese New Year.</p> <p>The ‘120-year Tai O Heritage Snap-It Competition’ will be launched in summer 2022. Twenty winners will enjoy a perfect getaway at TOHH, starting with a warm welcome with pick-up service in the city.</p>
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### About Tai O Heritage Hotel

Tai O Heritage Hotel, graded as a Grade II historic building by the Antiquities Advisory Board, was revitalised from the old Tai O Police Station, a history-steeped building dating 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 2012, the Hotel has received over 1.7 million visitors. As a non-profit-making social enterprise, Tai O Heritage Hotel 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.

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### About Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited

Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF) is a non-profit-making organisation 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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## Photo Captions



Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong, SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation, extended heartfelt appreciation to partners and the Tai O community for the great support over the past 10 years.



Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, Chief Executive of HKSAR (4<sup>th</sup> from left) graced the ceremony as the Guest of Honour, and Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan, GBM, GBS, JP, Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council (3<sup>rd</sup> from left); Mr Liu Chun-san, JP, Under Secretary for Development of HKSAR (3<sup>rd</sup> from right); Mr Randy Yu Hon-kwan, MH, JP, Chairman of the Islands District Council (2<sup>nd</sup> from right); Mr Ho Siu-kei, Chairman of the Tai O Rural Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> from left); Mr Philip Liao, Partner of Philip Liao & Partners (1<sup>st</sup> from right), Mr Stanley Wong, Chairman of the Tai O Culture Association (1<sup>st</sup> from left) and Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong, SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation (4<sup>th</sup> from right), officiated at the ceremony to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tai O Heritage Hotel and 120 years of community making in Tai O.





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OLD TAI O POLICE STATION  
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Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong (right), SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation, extended sincere appreciation to Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor (left), GBM, GBS, Chief Executive of HKSAR, for the inspiring sustainability initiative.



The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation has partnered with CCC Tai O Primary School on the launch of the School Development Programme to support development of students, teachers' training, school facilities and conservation of natural environment.



Mr Stanley Wong (right), Chairman of the Tai O Culture Association, and a young Tai O artist (1<sup>st</sup> from left) painted the beautiful scenery of Tai O and Tai O Heritage Hotel together. They presented the beautiful drawing to Mrs Lam (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) on behalf of the Tai O community as a token of appreciation.



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Tai O Heritage Hotel celebrated ten years of warm hospitality and 120 years of community making, and extended heartfelt appreciation to partners and the Tai O community for the great support on the wondrous journey.



Students from Buddhist Fat Ho Memorial College welcomed the guests and extended kind wishes with a traditional lion dance performance.



During the ceremony, guests enjoyed a curated catwalk by students from CCC Tai O Primary School featuring Tai O's unique cultural happenings including water wedding, Cantonese opera and dragon boat water parade.