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## **Tai O Heritage Hotel Extends CNY Wishes to the Community**

Tai O Heritage Hotel joins hands with Tai O community to present auspicious public art and festive goodies to celebrate the Year of the Tiger

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**Hong Kong, 8 February 2022.....** Tai O Heritage Hotel has joined hands with Tai O artist Stanley Wong and the Tai O community to present auspicious public art installation, *See Through Tai O*, to extend hearty new year wishes. The art piece comprises a paper-cutting-inspired wooden panel and 120 colourful fishes hand-painted by Tai O students and hotel volunteers, bringing joy and festive cheer to the neighbourhood. Additionally, Hospitality Young Leaders have joined representatives of hotel and partner Hong Kong Family Welfare Society in visiting elderly villagers and presenting festive goodies to spread love and care.

Tai O Heritage Hotel, converted from the Old Tai O Police Station built in 1902 and designated as a Grade II historic building, seeks to preserve the historical significance of the architectural gem. Operated as a not-for-profit social enterprise with surpluses used to support site maintenance, the hotel has been working closely with the community to promote eco-tourism since opening in March 2012.

2022 holds special meaning as Tai O Heritage Hotel celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary while the historic building housing the hotel is celebrating 120 years of community-making. *See through Tai O* heralds the art programme in honour of the remarkable milestones.

‘It is my great pleasure to work with Tai O Heritage Hotel to present *See Through Tai O*. Drawing inspiration from the folk art of paper cutting, the art piece celebrates the traditional culture and vibes of Tai O, and presents lifestyle of the fishing village with carved wooden panel. The other component, comprising 120 colourful hand-painted wooden fishes, highlights the bonds between Tai O Heritage Hotel and the community,’ remarks Mr Stanley Wong, Chairman of the Tai O Cultural Association.

Augmented Reality has been added to the public art. Koi carps, symbolising courage, abundance and success, have been featured to extend hearty wishes to the community.

‘I appreciate all the love and care from Tai O Heritage Hotel, and like meeting with their young volunteers, that is particularly heart-warming on such a special occasion,’ remarks Tai O resident Ms Yuk-Lan Lee.



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‘The Lunar New Year is the most important occasion for the Chinese and Tai O communities with many auspicious festivities. We are delighted to join hands with the community and friends to celebrate this important occasion together. I would like to sincerely thank our like-minded partners for the support, and colleagues for the good efforts. May I take this opportunity to wish all a happy, healthy and blessed Year of the Tiger,’ remarks Mr Daryl Ng, SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation.

### Photos



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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 120-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 1.7 million visitors and guests since opening.

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