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Tai O Heritage Hotel Welcomed the Year of the Horse with the Community on an Auspicious Note

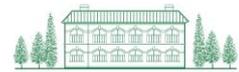
Hotel celebrated with 180 community members on its inaugural Charity Day, presented boat parade and public art installation

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Hong Kong, 9 March 2026..... Hong Kong's UNESCO-awarded hotel, Tai O Heritage Hotel, welcomed the Year of the Horse on an auspicious note, celebrating the most important festival on the Chinese calendar and extending blessings to the community through an array of activities, including its inaugural charity day.

In partnership with the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), the hotel welcomed more than 180 guests from underprivileged families on the charity day held on 24 February 2026. It began with the uplifting drum beats echoing through the hotel, followed by a riveting lion dance performance by students from Buddhist Fat Ho Memorial College. Infused with youthful energy, the performance highlighted the significance of conserving the intangible cultural heritage. Participants were also invited to write their wishes on blessing cards.



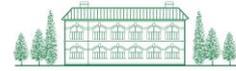
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The hotel continued to join hands with the Tai O community to present public art installations brimful with good wishes. Entitled *Hundredfold Blessings*, the community art piece features a stunning collection of 188 wooden blessing boards, each uniquely hand-painted by members of the Tai O community and volunteers. The boards got adorned with calligraphy of the character ‘fuk’ (福) in both traditional and creative styles, extending heartfelt wishes for good fortune in the year ahead.

Inspired by Tai O's indigenous traditions, the hotel partnered with the Tai O Cultural Association and villagers on the first Lunar New Year boat parade to extend hearty blessings to the neighbourhood while highlighting the rich cultural tapestry of Hong Kong's charming fishing village.



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‘We are thankful for the opportunity to showcase the cultural significance of Tai O Heritage Hotel and the Tai O community, and would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the local community and our partners for their tremendous support throughout this remarkable journey. We welcome the Government’s pilot scheme to foster “Urban-rural Integration”, which aligns closely with our vision of promoting Tai O village through cultural heritage and sustainable tourism. As we gallop into the Year of the Horse, may I take this opportunity to wish all a blessed, prosperous and healthy year ahead,’ remarks Mr Daryl Ng, SBS, JP, Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation.

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 Sydney, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, Clifford Pier, Customs House 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 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 welcomed more than 2 million guests from Hong Kong and overseas since opening.

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