

TECHNICAL VISIT ON FIRE SAFETY OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AT OLD TAI O POLICE STATION, LANTAU

Organized by
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Date:	18 September 2010 (Saturday)
Time :	9:30am to 4:00pm
Venue:	Gathering at Tung Chung MTR Station at 9:15 am for 9:30 am

Scope and Objectives

The Old Tai O Police Station, located on a small hill next to Tai O Ferry Pier in Lantau, was constructed in 1902 to replace an old Chinese style house in order to enhance the police force on Lantau Island. Before 1997, officers of Old Tai O Police Station were under the charge of Hong Kong Marine Police. Being mainly responsible for the public security of the villagers in Tai O, they patrolled within the community by means of sampan. Goods moving in and out of Tai O required to be declared to the Customs, whereas visitors needed to be interrogated by the police before landing the Tai O Pier.

According to the Government Gazette in 1903, the premises consisted of 2 buildings at the time, namely the Main Building and the Outhouse. The Main Building is a 2-storey structure, which once contained a charge-room, 2 cells, dormitory for officers, 3 bathrooms and 1 storeroom. The Outhouse, partly 2-storey and partly 1-storey, was connected to the Main Building by a covered bridge. It contained kitchens, drying room, store and Indian officers' bathroom, an interpreter's room and an accommodation for servants and latrines....

The Old Tai O Police Station is regarded as an excellent case of a typical "colonial style" police station of the period. The Main Building is distinctive with its Chinese pan-and-roll tiled roof, projecting eaves and arched verandahs which gave it an overall Italianate Renaissance appearance.

Meanwhile, the site is taken over by The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited and will be adaptively re-used as a decent boutique hotel with 9 rooms. Various fire engineering design and compensatory measures for fire safety were employed in the adaptive re-use of these existing heritage buildings to galleries, a historical and cultural attraction for the people of Hong Kong and overseas visitors.

The program will begin with a briefing of the development and the challenges encountered on the fire safety measures in complying with the current codes. A guided site tour will be arranged afterwards.

Coach transportation commuting between Tung Chung town / Tai O together with a lunch in Tai O will be provided. The number of participants is limited to 45 and the registration fee will be at **\$180** per head. Prior registration is required. applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For registration, please complete and return the **Standard Reply Form** via email to **Mr Sam CHAN at heritagefirehkisc@gmail.com**. The deadline of application is **8 September 2010**. Successful members will be notified by email after 9 September 2010. The organizer reserves the right to decline the application if no HKISC or HKIE membership no. is submitted. Non members may apply for the above technical visit upon successful acceptance as HKISC member.

All participants are reminded to wear their own safety shoes.



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REGISTRATION FORM
(To be received on or before 8 September 2010)

Please follow the 2-step registration procedure:

1. Fax the completed registration form to *Mr Sam CHAN* (Fax: 852-2334 6389) for preliminary registration.
2. Post the completed registration form within 7 days together with a crossed cheque payable to **Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction Limited** to *Mr Sam CHAN*, at:

The Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction
c/o Room TU743, Department of Civil and Structural Engineering,
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong

on or before 8 September 2010

To: Mr Sam CHAN

Fax: 852- 2334 6389

Personal Details:

Title	Name in full (Block Letter)	Name of Company	Tel.	Fax	E-mail address	Institution/ Membership No.

I enclose a crossed cheque (no. _____) with a sum of HK\$ _____ for the registration fee of the captioned Technical Visit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CPD Certificate of Attendance Please tick the appropriate box to indicate your choice:

Yes, I/ we would like to have CPD certificate(s). Not request for certificate(s).