Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme



Mei Ho House as City Hostel

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Revitalising Historic Buildings

Project Goals

- Bring out the value of Mei Ho House
- Revitalize and upkeep the building through adaptive re-use as City Hostel
- Sustainable Operations
- Contribute to the benefits of Sham Shui Po District socially and economically





Reflection of Historical Value & Significance (1)

1. City Hostel

- Types of room: twin/double bedrooms, dormitories, family rooms, thematic room and rooms for people with disabilities
- Facilities: Sitting-out area, YHA travel desk, game room, reading and internet room, self catering kitchen and café etc
- Thematic room provided for the International YHA members and the budget travelers to experience the old living style of the early public housing



Reflection of Historical Value & Significance (2)

2. Public Housing Museum

- Preserve the sample rooms for exhibition
- Develop Mei Ho House Alumni Association to contribute their collections, photos and stories for display
- Organise guided tours



Reflection of Historical Value & Significance (3)

Sample room for exhibition in the Public Housing Museum





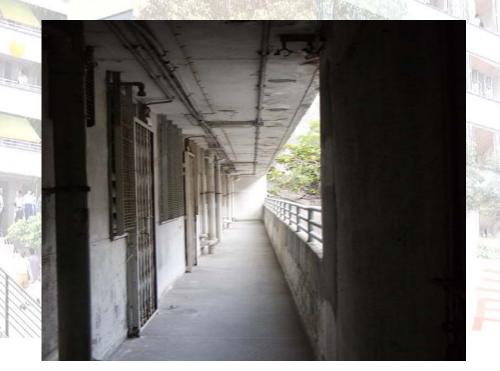
Heritage Preservation of Mei Ho House (1)

- Retention of character defining element
- Re-provision of the middle connecting block



Heritage Preservation of Mei Ho House (2)

- Restore the open corridor outlook
- Verandah floor slabs will be re-casted supported by new structural arms
- Establish Mei Ho House Alumni Association





Social Enterprise Operation

1. Goals

- Sustainability
- Create employment opportunities
- Tri-partite collaboration

2. Social Benefit to the Local Community

- Empowerment of the underprivileged individuals
- Create a sense of belonging
- Drive local economic development

3. Target clients

- Underprivileged groups
- Visitors





HKYHA Strengths

1. Strong worldwide network



- 2. Proven track record in hostel operations
- 3. Proven track record in managing large scale projects
- 4. Care for the underprivileged



About HKYHA

- 1. HKYHA history and goals
- 2. Core services
- 3. Sources of income
- 4. Scale of operations





