

Sustainable Urban Regeneration: Building An Integrative Community

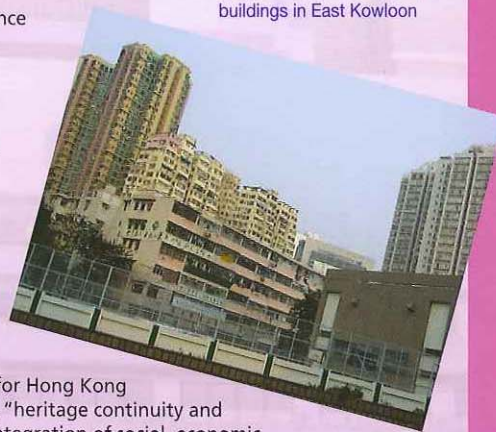
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Urban renewal is not just a town planning or a land-use project. It relates to a multiple of factors including economic, community development, heritage conservation, architectural and urban design, as well as cultural development. A sustainable urban regeneration model is to reach an optimal balance among these various factors in order to create an impressive urban image with a community identity. Urban sustainability can be best represented by harmonious integration of stakeholders within or beyond the resident communities and of different generations. A sustainable development-based city should be the foundation for continuous societal evolution and development at urban local level.

Project Objectives

- To raise Hong Kong citizens' awareness of the importance of "community collaborative participation" and "urban conservation" in the urban renewal process.
- To analyze and explore urban redevelopment projects from the perspectives of community life, cultural heritage, architectural style and other local conditions and investigate two types of urban regeneration/ renewal models:
 - Community integration and urban renewal: Organic integration of old and new communities in Kwun Tong
 - Heritage conservation and urban renewal: Building the Humanity Corridor of Wong Tai Sin and San Po Kong
- To propose a sustainable urban regeneration strategy for Hong Kong based on the principles of "stakeholder participation", "heritage continuity and conservation", "community uniqueness", "synergetic integration of social, economic and environment resources"

東九龍建築群的新舊共存
Co-existence of old and new
buildings in East Kowloon



Project Activities

This is a seven-month project which will be implemented in three stages.

Stage 1 Website Design and Set-up

- To promote the concept of "Sustainable Urban Regeneration"
- To introduce and share international experience and practice relating to sustainable urban re-development

Stage 2 Community Activities

- "Sustainable Urban Regeneration" Fair and road show in Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong
- Featured community exploratory tours
 - Holistic discovery of the Kwun Tong community
 - Heritage re-discovery of the Wong Tai Sin- San Po Kong Humanity Corridor
- Workshops to discuss and explore urban renewal models

Stage 3 Publication of Research Report

- A research report that will present strategic proposals to the Hong Kong sustainable renewal model
- Reports will be distributed to stakeholders such as the general public, relevant professional bodies, District Councils, and the relevant bureaux and departments of the SAR Government