SITE VISIT: THE OLD TAI PO POLICE STATION/GREEN HUB

Date: 23 January, 2016 (Saturday)
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Speakers: Humphrey Wong, Architect, Meta4 Design Forum Ltd. (Design Architect)
Henry Lo, Conservationist and Associate Director, CUHK Centre for Architectural Heritage Research (CAHR) (Conservation Consultant)
Benjamin Tsang, Director, Thomas Chow Architects Limited (Project Architect)
Venue: Green Hub (Old Tai Po Police Station), 11 Wan Tau Kok Lane, Tai Po (8 minute walk from the Tai Po Market MTR station)
Language: English
CPD Points: 2 CPD credit hours
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About the CPD Site Visit:

At a notable setting located on a small hill at Wan Tau Kok facing the Tolo Harbour with a commanding view of the Tai Po District, the Old Tai Po Police Station was the first permanent police station built in the New Territories in 1899 and was used as the Police Headquarters of the New Territories until 1949 and for other police services until 1987. During this visit to the Old Tai Po Police Station, now the Green Hub, we will learn about the history of this site and its recent revitalisation by the Kadorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) into a ‘Green Hub for Sustainable Living’ under the Batch II of the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme”. Architect Humphrey Wong (Meta4 Design Forum, Design Architect) conservationist Henry Lo (Centre for Architectural Heritage Research, Conservation Consultant) and architect Benjamin Tsang (Thomas Chow Architects, Project Architect) will give an illustrated talk about the history of the site and the architectural conservation requirements, challenges and successes faced with this revitalization project with an integrated approach to conserve the historic, architectural and ecological values of the site. A guided tour of the site will include the main block with structures arranged around a central courtyard, canteen block and the living quarters.

About the Speakers:

Humphrey Wong
Humphrey Wong is one of the founding partners of Meta4 Design Forum Ltd., an architectural practice founded in Hong Kong in 1999. With an accidental start in revitalization of industrial and historical building projects in 2006, Wong has gradually built up his interest and findings of the potentials of both generic and unique architecture of Hong Kong. Apart from practicing as an architect, Humphrey Wong is also actively involved in promoting public awareness, understanding and appreciation of local architecture, as an essential part of local heritage and culture, through engaging both local citizens and tourists of all age groups in exhibitions, talks, workshops and tours.
Henry Lo
Mr. Henry Lo is an experienced conservationist, currently working as the Associate Director in the Centre for Architectural Heritage Research in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a specialist in architectural decoration, architectural research, villages and vernacular architecture in south China and Hong Kong. Over the years, he has been involved in many heritage studies of historic buildings, covering historic research, architectural appraisal, conservation study and adaptive re-use. In particular, Henry has prepared the restoration plans for two Chinese style buildings that are declared monuments, namely Chik Kwai Study Hall in Pat Heung, and Yan Tun Kong Study Hall in Ping Shan. LO has recently led some projects in the formation of heritage education, guided tours and the teaching of design toolkits. He is currently working on adaptive reuse projects at the Haw Par Music Farm in Tai Hang and the Former French Mission Building in Central.

Benjamin Tsang
Benjamin Tsang is currently Director of Thomas Chow Architects (TCA). He graduated from the University of Hong Kong with the HKIA Student Medal, and received the annual HKIA Young Architect Award in 2011. Benjamin has over 15 years of experience specializing in elderly care, religious and residential projects and is currently overseeing TCA’s institutional and residential projects including educational, residential, institution, heritage revitalization, public space and sport facilities. Benjamin has shown his enthusiasm towards architecture, art and design through his active participation in various professional activities, architectural education and competition. He is currently a member of the Professional Assessment Panel on Building Design and Site Design for the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Architects Registration Board. Benjamin is also Part-time Lecturer on Architectural Design at the Hong Kong Design Institute and has been invited as guest critic at different institutes.