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TECHNICAL VISIT ON FIRE SAFETY OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AT KING YIN LEI

Second announcement

Organized by
Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction
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Fire Division, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Civil and Structural Engineering Department, Hong Kong polytechnic University
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To be confirmed

Date:	18 June (Saturday)
Time :	9:30am to 12:00 noon
Venue:	Entrance of 45 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong

Scope and Objectives

For more than 70 years, sitting atop Stubbs Road, Kong Yin Lei has silently witnessed the transformation of Hong Kong's urban landscape. In 2007, King Yin Lei was almost swept away by the torrent of the city development but in the end survived, and thanks to a combination of fate and human intervention. Behind the brick and mortar of King Yin Lei lies a fascinating story. It also stands as an eminent testament to heritage conservation in Hong Kong.

Originally named "Hei Lo", King Yin Lei was built in 1937, with Mrs. Shum Li Po-lun as the first owner. The mansion is one of the residences in the Mid-Levels which possesses significant historical value. Its mere construction in the area not only reflected the rising status and growing wealth of the Chinese community in those days, but also epitomized the formation of a Chinese-dominated elite class residential area in early years of Hong Kong.

"Hei Lo" was sold to the Yeo family in 1978 and re-named "King Yin Lei". Its ownership was transferred again in 2007, and in September of the same year, the glazed roof tiles and decorative features were stripped off the mansion.

The incident raised grave concerns over the territory. In swift response, the Government took decisive action. At a special meeting of the Antiquities Advisory Board on 14 September 2007, attended by the Secretary for Development, members unanimously agreed that King Yin Lei should be declared a proposed monument under the A&MO.

Simultaneously, a working group comprising representatives from the Development Bureau and a number of Government departments was set up to investigate into various options for the way forward. Through the assistance of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, Professor Tang Guo Hwa of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at Guangzhou University was commissioned to provide expert assessment on the heritage value of King Yin Lei and to draw up a restoration proposal through land exchange.

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

The number of participants is limited to 50 and the registration fee will be at \$80 per head for HKISC and HKIE members only. Prior registration is required. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. A CPD certificate of 3 hours will be issued to the participants.

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 **16 June 2011**. Successful members will be notified by email after 16 June 2011. The organizer reserves the right to decline the application if no HKISC or HKIE membership no. is submitted.



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**REGISTRATION FORM
(To be received on or before 16 June 2011)**

Please follow the 2-step registration procedure:

1. Fax (Fax no.: 2334 6389) or email (email address: heritagefirehkisc@gmail.com) the completed registration form to *Mr Sam CHAN* 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 16 June 2011

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).