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Tai O Heritage Hotel Commended With '2015 Sustainable Hotel Award -- Sustainable Destinations'



HONG KONG, Nov. 25, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Tai O Heritage Hotel has recently received the 'HICAP 2015 Sustainable Hotel Award -- Sustainable Destinations', the only hotel in Hong Kong presented with this international honour this year.

The award presentation took place at the annual Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP) held at the InterContinental Hong Kong, hosted by Horwath HTL and Burba Hotel Network (BHN).

The HICAP Sustainable Hotel Awards launched in 2007 aims at recognising hotel operators and developers in the Asia-Pacific region who demonstrate exemplary sustainable practices that are environmentally and culturally responsible. The judging panel of the Awards consists of veterans from the areas of sustainability, tourism, environmental innovation and hotel design. In their review on Tai O Heritage Hotel, they commented that it was rare to find a hotel acting as such a catalyst for the rejuvenation of its local community and culture.

Receiving the award, Dr. Daryl Ng JP, Director of Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited, said, 'this accolade is a great encouragement to us and we will continue our efforts in promoting heritage conservation and sustainable tourism at Tai O.'

As one of the six projects under Batch I of the Hong Kong Development Bureau's Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, Tai O Heritage Hotel is operated under a non-profit social enterprise business model by Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited. The hotel is committed to engaging the public in bolstering Tai O's local economy, achieving synergy with the local communities, and promoting heritage conservation and sustainable tourism.

Tai O Heritage Hotel hosts the Open House Event annually. This year, the event was complemented with the first-ever Tai O Food Expo held on 7 and 8 November, entitled 'A Taste of Tai O,' showcasing the local delicacies from 25 food merchants in Tai O to over 5,000 visitors. Tai O Home Care Services for Tai O elderly members and eco-tours for local schools and charity organisations are conducted regularly.

Tai O Heritage Hotel is also dedicated to supporting the sustainability of the cultural traditions in this charming fishing village. We have been collaborating with the Tai O Rural Committee and other local organisations in sponsoring Tai O Dragon Boat Water Parade and organising Tai O Fishing Village Wedding Showcase scheduled to take place on 6 December this year.

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About Tai O Heritage Hotel (www.taioheritagehotel.com)

Perched on a small hill of the waterfront sidewalk of Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O Heritage Hotel, graded as a Grade II historic building by the Antiquities Advisory Board, is a collaborative revitalisation project between Development Bureau of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the non-profit social enterprise, Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (HCF). The architecture has been conserved and transformed from the century-old Tai O Police Station constructed in 1902. Conferred with the Unesco Award of Merit in 2013, it is now home to nine colonial-style rooms, Heritage Interpretation Centre and a glass-roofed open view restaurant, Tai O Lookout. Tai O Heritage Hotel commits to promote heritage conservation, tourism, green living and engage the public in bolstering Tai O's economy, and to achieve synergy with other local facilities. A comprehensive offer of accommodations, tour and event packages are designated to provide guests with an itinerary to unwind and to experience the inspiring attractions of Tai O and the natural environment. Since its opening, the hotel has welcomed over 1.2 million guests and visitors through community engagement activities and public access daily from 11am – 6pm. Free story tour of the old police station are conducted daily at 3 pm, 3:30 pm and 4 pm.

About Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited (www.hkheritage.org)

The Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation is a non-profit organisation set up by the Ng Teng Fong family in March 2008. The primary objectives of the company are to revitalise and maintain heritage buildings, as well as to promote the conservation and appreciation of heritage and historic places and their importance in community life. The organisation's management team has solid experience in heritage revitalisation and has previously participated in a number of heritage projects in Singapore, including The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, Clifford Pier and Far East Square.

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