



# Historical Culture

## TaiKoo Shing

Tai Koo Shing is a private housing estate. TaiKoo in English means Great and Ancient. The place got a unique name because of its sugar, and a man called John Swire.

### A Brief History

Swire, and even Cathay Pacific had modest beginnings. John Swire created a new company called Swire in 1866. However he decided to make a Chinese name for the company, and so TaiKoo was born. Now the TaiKoo Sugar Refinery is gone, replaced by TaiKoo Place but the house that the Swire family lived in still stands.

### How to Get there

Taxi
MTR- TaiKoo Station

The house is located on Mount Parker Road. The road leads you away from the hustle of Urban Hong Kong and you start climbing uphill. Mount Parker Road is a nice place to hike, and if you continue on the path, you can

go all the way to Braemar Hill.

### The House

The house is now abandoned but is a vital part of history. It also has stunning



**Figure 1 Front of Building**  
architecture, making people feel they are in another country



**Figure 2 Side of Building**

### Code of Ethics

Vanish without a trace  
Pick up litter left by others



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