

### A Very Special Building



In Chau Mei village, there is one building in particular that is extremely special. It is very well preserved, and has a traditional door lock bolted it shut. I particularly liked this building because it showed what the architecture was like at the time. Apart from being incredibly well preserved, this building has one of 2 of the traditional door locks in this village.

For my field work investigation, I gave this building a 5 out of 5, because all of its walls its roof is intact. It shows no signs of repair, and thus stays in its original condition. I find this odd because this building is exposed to the sea. I would expect that over the decades, multiple storms would eventually wear down this building.



### Building Heritage Conservation

Building Heritage Conservation is the act of attempting to save traditional buildings to preserve heritage. In Hong Kong and other large cities with little space to develop, even such small areas become extremely valuable, and the government is forced to destroy the old buildings in order to create room for the new ones. One such example in Hong Kong is the Central Police Station. Originally built in 1864, it was extended in 1910, yet it still maintains its original shape and design. This building is a perfect example of British architecture,



The police station of downtown Central both colonial and local (in England). The police station is considered by the government of Hong Kong as an important monument.

The building is considered by some a nuisance, because nothing can be built on that land. The government of Hong Kong, though, is thinking about turning the police station (with the building of the Wan Chai Police Station, the Central Police Station's importance declined) into an art gallery or museum. Although this protects the heritage site, the disadvantage is that the land can not be for commercial use, which may provide jobs for the unemployed.

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