



# Building Heritage

## **Victoria Hospital (維多利亞醫院) – Barker Road (白加道)**

Do you remember the movie 'Love is a Many-Splendored Thing?' Do you remember the many breathtaking panoramas that served as a background to that love story? Well, although it was filmed in a Hong Kong of the 50's, the original hospital where it was largely set still exists today. Victoria Hospital, built in 1877, was initially used largely to treat outbreaks of fever and influenza. Built above what was then the tree line on the Peak, it became a sort of hybrid sanatorium and general hospital, thought to be freer of disease away from the humid



*Image #1 - The exterior of the building*

jungle. Even though it was built on the Peak, historically a residential area reserved for wealthy, colonial aristocrats, it gained an excellent reputation as a hospital that treated rich and poor alike, regardless of race. After the Second World War, in which the hospital treated casualties from both sides, larger and more advanced hospitals began to establish themselves in Hong Kong, and Victoria Hospital was converted into a hospital exclusively for the treatment of women. Although much of the original facility has been lost, including the terraces and doctor's lodgings featured in 'Love is a Many-Splendored Thing,' the main building is still intact, featuring brick architecture not commonly found elsewhere in steel and glass Hong Kong. An additional stone laid by a Hong Kong governor to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Queen Victoria's reign stands below a large banyan tree in front of the hospital.



*Image #2 – Commemoration Stone*

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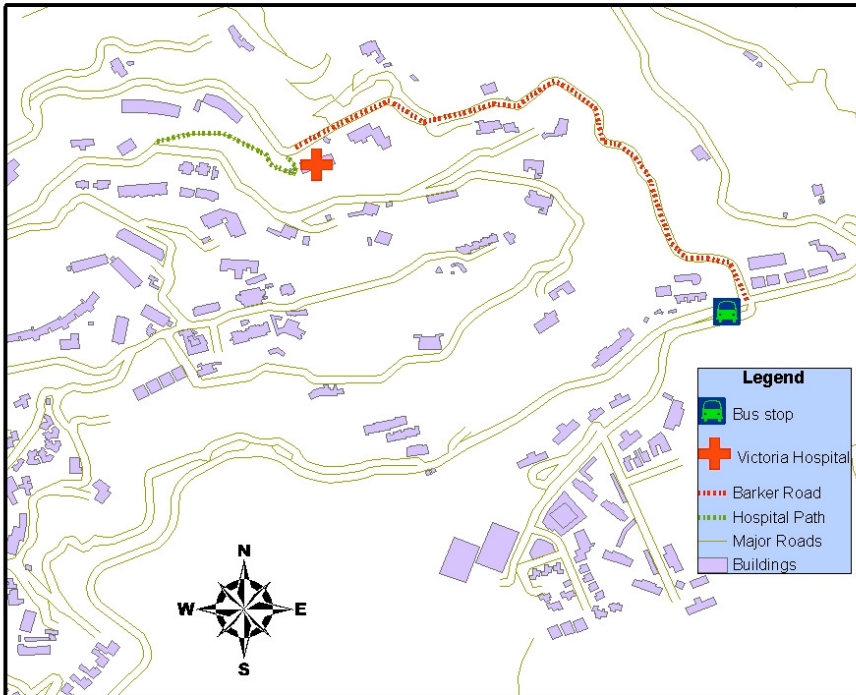


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## How to Get There

Situated at 17 Barker Road, the best way to reach the hospital is to take a taxi or to take a bus up the Peak and then walk from the bus stop. The walk is not long, maybe 5 – 10 minutes in length, and features some great views of the harbor.

## Victoria Hospital Location



Legend	
	Bus stop
	Victoria Hospital
	Barker Road
	Hospital Path
	Major Roads
	Buildings

The #1 Light bus from the IFC 2 building (the tallest building in Hong Kong) or the #15 bus from Pacific Place are your best bet in reaching Barker Road. Both these buses follow roughly the same route; just get off at the Guildford Road stop. Barker Road is opposite the bus stop.

