

**Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Formulation of Proposals on Restoration of Built Heritage**

Project Number	EP86/27/24/9-8
Project Proponent	Centre for Chinese Architecture and Urbanism, HKUrban Lab, Faculty of Architecture of The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Micro-renewal of Architectural Landscape for Ruin Gardens: Rehabilitation of Tree-House Courtyards and Revitalisation of Communal Spaces for Lo Wai in Kuk Po Village
Target Site	Kuk Po
Project Description*	<p>The project adopts a series of micro-renewal strategies in Kuk Po starting from the renovation of the ruined houses of Song’s family in Lo Wai. Through acupuncture approaches, the project intends to be a catalyst for village revitalisation rebuilding basic facilities for restoring organic life, clearing out alleyways and patios for neighbourhood environments. The design demonstrates principles of authenticity and sustainability for ecology integrating heritage conservation, respect for the construction and landscape fabric integrating community. It also would provide public access to cultural and ecological tourism for Kuk Po, promoting symbiotic relationships between architecture and landscape for traditional Hakka settlements in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The proposed design measures include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation of the remaining ruin walls and built fabrics for the house, installation of facilities including lighting, electricity, organic toilet, wash basin, and minimum maintenance functions needed. 2. Cleaning up and making safe on the dilapidated walls and tiles for the tree houses, transforming them into neighbourhood gardens with the installation of landscape and display spaces. 3. Cleaning up village public spaces nearby the houses such as the alleyways, re-establishing the orientation for the village space and re-instating a spatial sequence from the entrance gate to patios and the alleyway fabric.
Project Period	1 November 2022 to 30 April 2026
Grant Approved	\$2,999,480

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