

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

Project Number	EP86/27/24/9-2
Project Proponent	School of Architecture of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Project Plum Grove: Revitalising Mui Tsz Lam with Experimental Restorations
Target Site	Mui Tsz Lam
Project Description*	<p>This project formulates restoration proposals for revitalising the 400 year-old Hakka village of Mui Tsz Lam. Experimental architectural demonstrations that conserve past heritage and explore future rural living will act as catalysts to test out the feasibility of sustainable operations to revive the village in the long run. Three target built heritages (Old House, Auxiliary Block, Mural House) in two sites will be tested. One site will renew old traditions by pioneering local rammed earth reconstructions to create an “Open-air living Hakka culture gallery” that respects Place by caring for historical, cultural and natural heritages, the other site will test alternative sustainable restoration to design a “Future countryside living experiential centre” for co-creating a flexible multi-use community space.</p> <p>Engaging villagers and the general public will enrich the software aspects of the target built heritage restorations. Fundamental infrastructure constraints and how programme potential also depends on the relevant regulatory requirements will also be considered. The two demonstration sites hope to regenerate Place by reconnecting People via a collaborative Process. The results will be reviewed to formulate a feasibility study for comprehensive village-wide restoration matching village character and aspirations, buying-in more inter-generational villagers to resettle, eventually reviving Mui Tsz Lam as a “living village” ecology.</p>
Project Period	20 October 2020 – 19 September 2022
Grant Approved	\$2,000,000

*The project description is provided by the project proponent.