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## **Technical Seminar on Tai Kwun – Transformation of Historic Compound into Arts and Cultural Hub**

- Date & Time:** 19 September 2019 (Thursday), 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
(Registration from 6:45 pm)
- Venue:** Room N002, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University,  
Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Speaker:** Mr Gabriel Yam
- Organised by:** Engineers Australia, Hong Kong Chapter
- Supported by:** The IET Hong Kong
- Cost:** Free
- Registration:** <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/event/2019/08/technical-seminar-tai-kwun-transformation-historic-compound-arts-and-cultural-hub>
- Deadline:** 13 September 2019
- Enquiry:** Mr Vincent Yuen at [vkysuen@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:vkysuen@yahoo.com.hk)

### **About the Seminar**

Tai Kwun (former Central Police Station compound) is a 150-year-old historic compound located at the heart of Central, Hong Kong. This unique and precious historic site has been transformed into a hub for arts, culture and enjoyment of people. Tai Kwun has welcomed over 3.4 million visitors since its opening in May 2018. 16 nos. of historic buildings have been meticulously restored for adaptive re-use. Two new iconic buildings with bespoke aluminium brick facade provide new spaces within the heritage fabric with international standard art galleries and multi-purpose theatre.

The highest standards of heritage conservation have been applied at Tai Kwun, with unfailing attention to authenticity and safety, bringing more than a dozen historic buildings to life. The speaker will share experiences on the challenges faced by the team and solutions adopted from design to construction stage.

Tai Kwun won the Grand Awards for both Structural Excellence Award 2019 and Fire Engineering Excellence Award 2019 organised by the HKIE, and is shortlisted for the IStructE Structural Heritage Award, HKIA annual award, World Architecture Festival and Green Building Award.

### **About the Speaker**

Mr Gabriel Yam is an Associate at Arup and has been working on the project since 2009. He is the project manager and structures discipline leader for the project. He leads a team of multi-disciplinary engineers on the conservation works at Tai Kwun. He will share experiences on balanced design approach between modern-day regulations and conservation of historic fabric.

### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

Attending members will be issued with a certificate acknowledging 1.5 hours of CPD. A cost of HK\$20 will be levied for each non-member or attendee who is neither affiliated with the Support Australia Group nor a member of the supporting organization(s) requiring a CPD certificate.

### **Notice for Registration**

- Prior registration is required. The number of participants is limited to 100 and priority will be given to EAHK members.
- If typhoon signal no. 8 (or above) or the rainstorm warning (black) is hoisted or announced to be hoisted in effect within two hours prior to the start of the visit, the visit will be cancelled without further notice.
- Successful applicants only will be confirmed.
- If you have any queries, please email Mr Vincent Yuen at [vkysuen@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:vkysuen@yahoo.com.hk).