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The Pottinger Hong Kong Celebrates 5th Anniversary with “Steps Through Time” Old Photo Exhibition

- A show of over 30 original rare prints of Hong Kong from 150 years ago -

(Hong Kong, 12 March, 2019) — To commemorate its 5th anniversary on the historical steps of Central, The Pottinger Hong Kong opens door to an old photo exhibition titled “**Steps Through Time**” from **21 March to 5 May, 2019**. The showcase of over 30 original rare prints of Hong Kong spanning years 1870 – 1925 takes visitors on a journey through history, and to discover the legacy of heritage preserved til this day in the city centre.

Riding on Hong Kong’s art month, and adopting a historical perspective weaving architecture, transportation, livelihood and landscape, the “Steps Through Time” exhibition is structured around three themes: “The Neighbourhood”, “The Neighbours” and “Further Afield”. Over 30 story-telling photos will replay vivid scenes of how early visitors had arrived and travelled around Hong Kong from Central 100 to 150 years ago, as well as the patterns and lifestyle of people back in time.

All guests will be provided with a magnifying glass upon arrival at the exhibition. They will be invited to explore clues on the photos for further knowledge into the history and culture of early Hong Kong in the late 19th century.

The photographs are thoughtfully chosen with relevance to the geographic location of The Pottinger which is bordered by the Grade I historic site of Pottinger Street, Queen’s Road Central, and Stanley Street. These streets were all clearly marked on maps from 1845, and formed the heart of old Hong Kong as one of the first areas to be developed after the British landed in 1841.

From the photo collection, history watchers will be delighted to find works from renowned local photographers of that era, namely Lai AFong, Mee Cheung, Pun Lun, and Wing Chong who had his studio on 74 Queen’s Road, interestingly coinciding with the present day street address of The Pottinger.

“We hope that guests will enjoy the journey through time we have curated for them, and celebrate old Hong Kong’s wonderful heritage through the lenses of these remarkable 19th century local photographers,” said Ms Nikki Ng, Group General Manager, Sino Group.

“Steps Through Time” Old Photo Exhibition

Date: 21 March to 5 May, 2019
Venue: Hotel Lobby, The Pottinger Hong Kong
74 Queen’s Road Central,
Central, Hong Kong
(Hotel Main Entrance: 21 Stanley Street)

Visitors will receive a brochure introducing the complete collection of photos in details.

The exhibition is curated by David Bellis, a dedicated historian of Hong Kong, founder of www.gwulo.com, and author of several old Hong Kong documentary books. In 2014, David won the Heritage Preservation Award of SCMP “The Spirit of Hong Kong Awards” for his work on Gwulo.com.



Queen’s Road, Central (c. 1873)
Photographer: Lai Afong



Pedder Street (c.1925)
Photographer: Mee Cheung



Native Transport (c.1925)
Photographer: Mee Cheung



The Pottinger Hong Kong

About The Pottinger Hong Kong

The Pottinger Hong Kong is a luxury hotel launched in June 2014, offering 68 exquisite guestrooms and suites. Standing on the historic Pottinger Street in Central, a Grade 1 historic place graded by the Antiquities Advisory Board of Hong Kong, The Pottinger reflects the rich romantic heritage and diversity of its surrounds.

The hotel features a number of striking images of the neighbourhood by Ho Fan, one of Hong Kong's most famous photographers and film director, to salute to the city's long lived history.

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