

Brief of Historic Buildings at Lei Yue Mun Park Holiday Camp

Background

Covering an area of about 22.97 hectares, Lei Yue Mun Park holiday camp was formerly the Lyemun Barracks, which was an important battlefield during the Second World War. The barracks ceased to be used for military purposes in 1987 and was subsequently developed by way of temporary land allocation into the present-day Lei Yue Mun Park holiday camp, which was opened to the public in 1988. Most of the buildings in the barracks have been graded as Grade 1 or Grade 2 historic buildings according to their heritage value. Among them, Blocks 7, 10 and 25 are the oldest buildings and best exemplify the elegant style and simple Classical design of colonial architecture. On 20 May 2016, the three buildings were officially designated as declared monuments by notice in the Government Gazette and are protected by the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. Details are as follows:

Declared Monuments

Block 7 — Coffee Corner



Block 10 — Recreation Centre



Block 25 — Group Hostel



Grade 1 Historic Buildings

Block 18 — Multi-purpose Centre



Block 20 — Karaoke Room & Store Room



Block 21 — Park Management Office



Block 30 — Family Hostel



Block 31 — Family Hostel



Block 32 — Family Hostel



Grade 2 Historic Buildings

Block 3 — Store Room (Storage Areas of Hong Kong Film Archive)



Block 5 — Assembly Hall



Block 17 — Multi-purpose Centre & Activity Room



Block 33 — Former Staff Duty Room



Block 34 — Family Hostel



Government Historic Site

Boundary Stone of Sai Wan Battery Bearing an Inscription “B.O.4”



List of Graded Buildings and Declared Monuments at Lei Yue Mun Park Holiday Camp

No.	Block	English Name	Current Use	Year of Construction	Grading
1	Block 3	-	Store Room (Storage Areas of Hong Kong Film Archive)	1939	Grade 2
2	Block 5	-	Assembly Hall	1920s or 1930s	Grade 2
3	Block 7	-	Coffee Corner	1890 - 1895	Declared Monument
4	Block 10	-	Recreation Centre	1890 - 1895	Declared Monument
5	Block 17	-	Multi-purpose Centre & Activity Room	Early 1900s	Grade 2
6	Block 18	-	Multi-purpose Centre	Late 1890s - Early 1900s	Grade 1
7	Block 20	-	Karaoke Room & Store Room	Late 1890s - Early 1900s	Grade 1
8	Block 21	-	Management Office	Late 1890s - Early 1900s	Grade 1
9	Block 25	-	Group Hostel	Late 1890s - Early 1900s	Declared Monument
10	Block 30	Masefield Block	Family Hostel	1936	Grade 1
11	Block 31	Shakespeare Block	Family Hostel	1907	Grade 1
12	Block 32	Tennyson Block	Family Hostel	1909	Grade 1
13	Block 33	Milton Block	Former Staff Duty Room	1938	Grade 2
14	Block 34	Wordsworth Block	Family Hostel	1936	Grade 2

Declared Monuments Historic buildings with the highest heritage value are declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) and are given statutory protection. Any person who would like to conduct works at declared monuments must obtain prior permission from the Antiquities Authority (i.e. Secretary for Development).

Grade 1 Historic Buildings Buildings of outstanding merit, which every effort should be made to preserve if possible.

Grade 2 Historic Buildings Buildings of special merit; efforts should be made to selectively preserve.

Grade 3 Historic Buildings Buildings of some merit; preservation in some form would be desirable and alternative means could be considered if preservation is not practicable.