

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

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| Project Number | EP86/27/24/9-7 |
| Project Proponent | The Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| Project Title | Project Plum Grove II: Restoring Old House for Village Community |
| Target Site | Mui Tsz Lam |
| Project Description* | <p>This project formulates restoration proposals for revitalising the 360 year-old Hakka village of Mui Tsz Lam. Architectural restoration that conserves past heritage and explores future rural living will act as catalyst to accommodate the sustainable operations to revive the village in the long run. The target built heritage, Old House, will be restored with modern techniques to respect the original village house design, and optimise the indoor facilities for flexible use. A Village Community hub will be proposed for villagers to share with volunteers and co-working organisations in the village and interact with visiting public to test for future operations. These trial results would help explore an operation mode for up to 6 years beyond project completion for sustaining the village community's living.</p> <p>The experience obtained from "Project Plum Grove: Revitalising Mui Tsz Lam with experimental restorations", including material construction, logistics constraints and statutory procedures will be built upon and extended. The results will be reviewed to formulate a long-term operation plan for reviving the whole village to match villagers' aspirations, attracting more young villagers to engage and continue Mui Tsz Lam's longevity.</p> |
| Project Period | 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2024 |
| Grant Approved | \$3,000,000 |

*The project description is provided by the project proponent.