

Education Bureau
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Secondary 3 English Language

9EL2

Tapescript Part 1 (9EL2)

Narrator *Your class is doing a project about Hong Kong Heritage. To help you think about what to include in your project, your teacher has given you a pamphlet to read and the recording of an interview to listen to.*

Read the pamphlet and listen to the interview. Answer the questions in Part A and Part B. You now have 2 minutes to answer the questions in Part A and read the questions in Part B. (*music 2 mins.*)

Listen to the interview. It will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The recording will begin now.

[Narrator *Radio TeensHK*

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandy** Welcome to *Radio TeensHK*. Today, we'll talk about 'Hong Kong Heritage'. Let's welcome Dr Chan, a local heritage advisor. Welcome, Dr Chan.

Dr Chan Thanks for having me, Sandy.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandy** Dr Chan, would you introduce yourself to our listeners?

Dr Chan Sure. I was born and raised in Hong Kong. Before I retired, my job involved preserving historic artwork. Now, I focus on protecting and maintaining old buildings. I feel sad to see some old buildings being pulled down or destroyed.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandy** As an advisor on Hong Kong heritage, could you introduce to us some old buildings which have been preserved?

Dr Chan Sure. First, let me tell you about Tai Kwun, the Former Central Police Station Compound. It was called a 'compound' because it consisted of 16 historic buildings located in the heart of Central, including a police station, a court and a prison.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandy** Oh, I see.

Dr Chan In the past, the Central Police Station was used as police headquarters. However, it was no longer in use in the 2000s.

Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	What happened after that?
Dr Chan	The Central Police Station Compound was revitalised in 2008 and named ‘Tai Kwun’ in 2014. The first phase was open to the public in 2018.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	Why is it called ‘Tai Kwun’?
Dr Chan	‘Tai Kwun’ means ‘big station’ in Chinese.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	Interesting! You’ve also mentioned ‘revitalised’. What has happened to Tai Kwun?
Dr Chan	It has been redeveloped into a cultural and shopping centre. It’s now a place for people to appreciate arts and history.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	I learnt that Tai Kwun received an international award. What was it?
Dr Chan	Tai Kwun received the Award of Excellence in the 2019 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	Amazing! What’s the second building you want to introduce today?
Dr Chan	The Blue House in Wan Chai. It was rated Grade 1 in 2009. A Grade 1 historic building means the building has outstanding merit, and people should make every effort to preserve it.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	Can you tell us more about the Blue House?
Dr Chan	It’s a 4-storey shophouse built in the 1920s. It’s really special because it’s one of the few remaining examples of ‘Tong Lau’ with wide balconies in Hong Kong.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	‘Tong Lau’ is often referred to as an ‘old building’.
Dr Chan	Right! ‘Tong Lau’ is a building that usually has a few flats on each floor, all sharing an entry staircase.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandy	Why is it called the ‘Blue House’?
Dr Chan	It got its name because the designers in 1990 painted it in a striking blue.

Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandy

Thank you, Dr Chan. Let's take a break. After the break, Dr Chan will introduce another Grade 1... *(fade out)*]

Narrator

Now, listen to the recording again. *{Repeat []}*

Narrator

You have 30 seconds to check your answers. *(music 30 secs.)*

This is the end of Part 1.