

## Victoria Prison 域多利監獄

Victoria Prison or Victoria Gaol was Hong Kong's first prison. It is located on Old Bailey Street in Central on Hong Kong Island. From early days it was the centre of the local penal system. The prison was part of the Central Police Station Compound.



The Compound was built in 1841 and the Prison itself was completed on 9 August 1841. It was originally known as the Victoria Gaol and is said to be the first western building constructed mostly of granite and brick in Hong Kong. The Prison still retains the facade of Victorian architecture. Being the first prison in Hong Kong it remains an important part of Hong Kong's collective memories, especially for the inmates and staff!

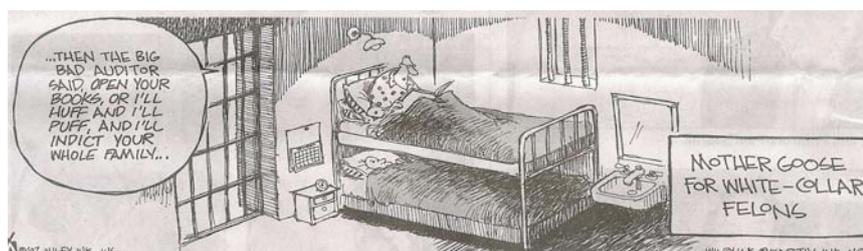
During World War II the prison was occupied by the Japanese but much of the buildings were damaged by allied bombing. After extensive restoration the prison was re-opened for use in 1946. When Hong Kong was later declared a port of first asylum for Vietnamese refugees, Victoria Prison became a transit and repatriation centre. It was subsequently developed into an institution with modern management facilities for accommodating discharged inmates of both sexes prior to repatriation or deportation.

The prison together with the adjacent former Central Police Station and the Central Magistracy were declared monuments on 8 September 1995, These buildings form an important group of Hong Kong's historical architecture.

Before the establishment of Stanley Prison in 1937, Victoria Prison and Central Magistracy was the centre of justice and law enforcement of the colony in the early days.

In March 2006, it was officially decommissioned. The Hong Kong Government has not announced a full plan for the use of this historical landmark.

The completion dates of different parts of the old Central Police Station, the former Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison compound are listed below:



# 地圖 MAP



- 1) 四座東翼地庫囚室  
D Hall East Basement Prisoner Cells
- 2a) 洗衣房(地庫)  
Laundry (Basement)
- 2b) 第一工場及及飯堂(地庫)  
Workshop 1 and Dining Hall (Basement)
- 2c) 教堂(地庫)  
Church (Basement)
- 3) 五座  
E Hall
- 4a) 四座 2樓院所醫院 / 育嬰室  
D Hall 2/F Centre Hospital / Nursery Section
- 4b) 四座 1樓囚室  
D Hall 1/F Prisoner Cells
- 4c) 四座 地下監獄美術館  
D Hall G/F Prison Art Museum
- 5) 六座 1樓囚室  
F Hall 1/F Prisoner Cells
- 6) 六座 收押室及即影即有攝影區  
F Hall Reception Office and Instant Photo Area
- 7) 六座 地下探訪室  
F Hall G/F Visit Room
- 8) 絞刑檯模型  
Demo of Gallows
- 9) 刑罰展板區  
Exhibition Board of Penalty
- 10) 舞台  
Stage
- 11) 司令台  
Marshal's Stand
- 12) 出獄証換領處  
Certificate of Discharge Counter
- 13) 蘭桂芳小食亭  
Lan Kwai Fong Kiosk
- 14) 救護站  
First - Aid Station
- 15) 一萬個理由不拆F倉(掛心意咭區)  
Ten Thousand Reasons for Preserving Victoria Prison F Hall (Goodwill Cards Area)

 印章 Stamp

 獄中文字  
Traces of History from "Words" in the walls.

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Experience Victoria Prison



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Year	Victoria Prison & Police Station
1860	D Hall East Wing & Tower
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1864	Barrack Block
1914	Central Magistracy
1919	Headquarters Block
1910	Block A, B C D
1914	B Hall C Hall East & West Hall, E Hall
1925	Stable Block
1945	A Hall
1948 later	Sanitary Block
1913, 1931 & 1948	F Hall and others

The prison complex consists of 3 three-storey buildings, 3 two-storey buildings and 3 single-storey buildings. Inside these buildings there are cells and dormitory accommodation, a special unit; hospital; kitchen; dining halls/ day rooms; laundry; an exercise yard and administration block.

The prison has undergone several stages of expansion since its original founding with the major one in 1895 when D Hall complex with its Neo-Georgian architectural style was built. A further stage of major expansion took place in 1914 with the addition of B Hall, C Hall and E Hall to cope with the needs of the time.



Victoria's Secret





“Stonewalls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage” *Richard Lovelace 1618-1658*



