香港燈的

Lighthouses in Hong Kong

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燈塔

燈塔 用它的光 向船呼喚; 於是 船從惡夢中 醒過來 把驚濤駭浪推開.....。

舒巷城 (王深泉)

The Lighthouse
The lighthouse
Called to the ship
With its light;
Thereupon
The ship was awaken
From the nightmare
And pushed away the startling surge.....

Shu Hong-Sing (Wong Sham-Chuen)

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十九世紀中葉以前,香港沒有燈塔的設施。1867年,英國海軍測量員列特中校獲派在進入香港港口的航道沿岸選擇適當位置興建燈塔,但未有落實。至1869年蘇彝士運河開鑿後,中外通商活動更趨頻繁,興建燈塔的建議再度提出。根據1873年3月的港務長報告,政府最後選定鶴咀、青洲和歌連臣角這三個地點開始建造燈塔,其後陸續在港口沿岸設置。第二次世界大戰以前,香港水域內已建有七座燈塔,其中五座已列為法定古蹟。

燈塔在香港早期的航運貿易中扮演重要的角色,維護 了海上交通的安全。

No lighthouse was existed in Hong Kong before the mid-19th century. In 1867, the British naval surveyor, Commander Reed, was instructed to investigate suitable locations for lighthouses to cover the port approaches to Hong Kong, but the proposal was not further pursued. With the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 came further impetus to develop trade, the idea of constructing lighthouses was once again raised. As reported by the Harbour Master in March 1873, the government chose the sites of Cape D'Aguilar, Green Island and Cape Collinson. Construction works were then commenced including those of other lighthouses built along the approaches. Before the Second World War, there were seven lighthouses in total in Hong Kong, five of which have been declared as monuments.

Lighthouses indeed played the significant role in the early maritime trade of Hong Kong by facilitating the safe passage of maritime traffic.





鶴咀燈塔的石砌底座及拱形門口 The base and the arched doorway of Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse in fine masonry

鶴咀燈塔

Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse

鶴咀燈塔位於香港島東南面的鶴咀上,是香港現存歷史最悠久的燈塔。

鶴咀燈塔於1875年4月16日啟用,英文名稱為「德己立角燈塔」,以紀念香港的陸軍司令德己立少將。燈塔的照明儀器屬固定一級屈光鏡,可射出白色燈光。燈光的焦平面位於平均海平面以上200呎,如天朗氣清,遠至23海里的水域也能看見。1893年橫瀾燈塔落成啟用後,鶴咀燈塔失去原有作用,至1896年停止運作。1905年,當局決定將鶴咀燈塔上已停用的一級號燈及其附屬設備遷往青洲,以取代青洲燈塔原有的四級號燈。1975年,鶴咀燈塔添置全自動設備,重新投入服務。現時的燈塔是一座由花崗石築砌的圓筒形建築,高9.7米,燈塔底座、拱形門口及螺旋式樓梯均由石塊砌成,工藝精湛。入口的鐵門上方飾有幾何圖案,別具特色。

鶴咀燈塔於2006年列為法定古蹟。



香港島東南面的鶴咀 Cape D'Aguilar at the southeast of Hong Kong Island







燈塔內石砌的螺旋式樓梯 Masonry circular staircase in the lighthouse

Situated on Cape D'Aguilar on the southeast shore of Hong Kong Island, Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse is the territory's oldest surviving lighthouse.

Named after Major-General Sir George Charles D'Aguilar, Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse was put into service on 16 April 1875. The illuminating apparatus was a fixed Dioptric of the first order emitting a white light. The focal plane of the light stood 200 feet above mean sea level, and in clear weather could be seen at a distance of 23 nautical miles. With the commencement of operation of Waglan Island Lighthouse in 1893, Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse became superfluous and was thus discontinued in 1896. In 1905, the disused first-order light was removed from Cape D'Aguilar and, together with the light apparatus, was transferred to Green Island to replace the fourth-order light. It was not until 1975 that the lantern of Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse was re-lit and automated. The existing structure is a white, 9.7-metre high round granite tower. The tower base, the arched doorway and the circular staircase are of fine masonry. The door is made of iron and is crowned with a geometric decoration.

Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse was declared a monument in 2006.

燈塔背面 Rear side of the lighthouse



新、舊青洲燈塔

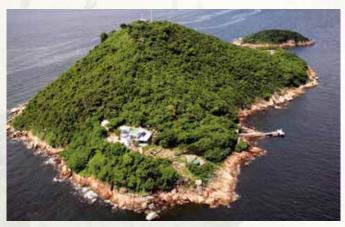
Old and New Green Island Lighthouses

位於港島西面對開的青洲上的燈塔建築群,包括兩座燈塔、一幢前歐籍職員宿舍,以及一幢前看守員房舍。數十年來,新、舊青洲燈塔為數以萬計從西面進入香港的船隻輔航。

青洲燈塔於1875年7月1日啟用,較鶴咀燈塔遲約三個月。燈塔的照明儀器屬固定四級屈光鏡,可射出紅色及綠色燈光。燈光的焦平面位於平均海平面以上95呎,如天朗氣清,視野達14海里。細小的舊燈塔呈圓柱形,以花崗石建造,高約12米,門口沿邊飾以凸出的粗面隅石。燈塔的牆上有兩個「十」字開口,供塔內通風和透光之用,這些開口及雕鑿與中世紀歐洲堡壘上的槍眼十分相似。

1901年,政府計劃把鶴咀燈塔的訊號燈搬至青洲,於是需要在青洲建造一座更高更大的塔樓,以容納鶴咀的訊號燈。新青洲燈塔遂建於舊燈塔旁,1904年動工,翌年竣工。新燈塔亦呈圓柱形,以花崗石和混凝土建造,高17.5米,頂部裝設一個鋼鑄訊號燈。整座構築物均髹上白漆,不但令航海員易於看見,而且又能發揮隔熱功能和保護構築物本身。螺旋形樓梯以磚石鋪砌,附有美觀的欄杆。入口處和窗戶的頂部則塑造成平圓拱形,並以灰塑裝飾作為點綴。新燈塔在1970年代起改為全自動操作。

青洲燈塔建築群於2008年列為法定古蹟。



港島西面對開的青洲及小青洲 Green Island and Little Green Island opposing the west end of Hong Kong Island

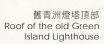
Situated on Green Island, a short distance off the west coast of Hong Kong Island, the Green Island Lighthouse Compound comprises two lighthouses, a former European staff quarters and a former keeper's house. Both Green Island Lighthouses have served thousands of vessels approaching Hong Kong from the west for many decades and have thus played an important role in Hong Kong's maritime history.



燈塔及前歐籍職員宿舍 The lighthouses and former European staff quarters



Green Island Lighthouse started operation on 1 July 1875, about three months after Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse was established. The illuminating apparatus at the outset was a fixed Dioptic of the fourth order emitting both red and green light. The focal plane of the light stood 95 feet above mean sea level and was visible at a distance of 14 miles in clear weather. The old lighthouse is a 12-metre tall small circular tower constructed of granite with projected rock-faced quoins distinguishing its doorway. Two cross-shaped openings in its wall provide ventilation and indoor illumination, resembling those found in mediaeval European castles.







舊青洲燈塔牆上的「十」字開口 Cross-shaped opening on the wall of the old Green Island Lighthouse



1875 年建成的舊青洲燈塔 Old Green Island Lighthouse constructed in 1875



New Green Island Lighthouse constructed in 1905



新青洲燈塔內以磚石鋪砌的螺旋形樓梯 Spiral staircase made of fine masonry in the new Green Island Lighthouse



新青洲燈塔的外牆裝飾 Decoration of the exterior of the new Green Island Lighthouse

In 1901, there was a plan to move the lantern of Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse to Green Island. To accommodate the Cape D'Aguilar light apparatus, a higher and larger tower was necessary. The construction of a new lighthouse adjacent to the old one on Green Island commenced in 1904 and was completed the following year. Made of concrete and granite, the new circular tower stood about 17.5 metres high and had a steel lantern on its top. The whole structure is painted white to increase its visibility to mariners and to provide thermal insulation and protection to the structure itself. The spiral staircase is of fine masonry with beautiful railings while the entrance and window form segmental arches with ornamental plaster mouldings. The new lighthouse was fully automated in the 1970s.

The Green Island Lighthouse Compound was declared a monument in 2008.

橫瀾燈塔

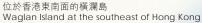
Waglan Lighthouse

橫瀾燈塔位於橫瀾島的西南面,鄰近蒲台島,它不單負起導航任務,也是收集本港東面氣象資料的地點,所收集的數據會送往香港天文台分析使用。

十九世紀末,香港政府再建議於蚊尾洲和橫瀾島這兩個境外理想位置興建燈塔。橫瀾燈塔由中國海關的燈塔部門委託法國公司興建,於1893年5月9日投入服務。當時燈塔設有一座全亞洲只有兩座燈塔最先採用的先進訊號燈,以石油為燃料,採用一級雙閃燈,其旋轉的照明儀器則浮於水銀上,向四周發射燈光照明,同時可消除旋轉時產生的摩擦力,達到每15秒旋轉一次的速度。橫瀾燈塔最初由上海的中國海關管理,隨著新界於1898年租借予英國後,燈塔於1901年1月1日移交香港政府接管及操作。第二次世界大戰期間,橫瀾燈塔遭受嚴重破壞,修復工程於1945年展開。自1989年起,燈塔已採用自動化操作。圓形燈塔高16米,以鑄鐵建成,並髹上紅、白兩色。

橫瀾燈塔於2000年宣布為法定古蹟。







橫瀾燈塔的外貌 Exterior of Waglan Lighthouse



Situated in the southwest of Waglan Island near Po Toi, Waglan Lighthouse acted not only as a navigation aid, but also an outpost where weather information on the eastern corner of the territory was collected and fed to the Hong Kong Observatory.

In the late 19th century, a proposal for the construction of lighthouses at the two main approaches to Hong Kong, Gap Rock Island and Waglan Island, was raised again. Waglan Lighthouse was constructed by a French company for the Chinese Customs Light Department of the Imperial Maritime Customs and entered into operation on 9 May 1893. When first opened, the lighthouse was equipped with a state of the art First Order Light, burning mineral oil with a rotating apparatus floating on mercury, which eliminated friction and permitted revolutions as frequent as once every 15 seconds. It was one of the only two modern pieces of equipment introduced and installed in Asian waters at that time. Waglan Lighthouse was initially run by the Chinese Maritime Customs from Shanghai. Following the lease of the New Territories in 1898, control of the lighthouse was eventually transferred to the Hong Kong Government on 1 January 1901. During the Second World War, Waglan Lighthouse was extensively damaged by aerial bombing. Repairs took place after 1945 and the lighthouse has been unmanned and automated since 1989. The red and white Waglan Lighthouse stands 16 metres high and is constructed of cast iron.

Waglan Lighthouse was declared a monument in 2000.



塔頂現時所用的照明儀器 The existing illuminating apparatus on top of the lighthouse

燈籠洲燈塔

Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse

燈籠洲燈塔位於香港島以西、馬灣以南的小島燈籠洲(原稱汲星島)上,地處汲水門水域,又稱為汲星燈塔。

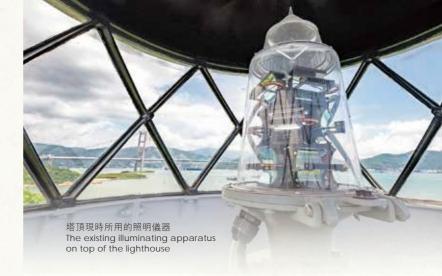
燈籠洲燈塔於1912年4月29日啟用,高11.8米,以鋼鑄骨架建成,塔頂髹上白色,可射出白色燈光。鋼架及照明儀器均為英國製造。以往的燈塔管理員居於燈塔旁的磚構建築,內設睡房、廚房、廁所及儲物室。由於島上並沒有井水或食水供應,因此只能從屋頂收集雨水,再引入地下儲水箱備用。現時燈塔已改為自動操作,無須派員駐守。

燈籠洲燈塔於2000年列為法定古蹟。

Situated on Tang Lung Chau (originally named Kap Sing Island), a small island to the west of Hong Kong Island and south of Ma Wan in Kap Shui Mun, Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse is also known as Kap Sing Lighthouse.

Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse was put into service on 29 April 1912. It is a skeletal steel tower standing 11.8 metres high crowned with a white lantern. The steel tower and light apparatus were obtained from England. The adjoining brick light keeper's house has a bedroom, a kitchen, a latrine and a store room. In the past, rainwater was collected from the roof and diverted into an underground tank for use as there was no spring or fresh water supply on the island. It is now unmanned and automated.

Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse was declared a monument in 2000.

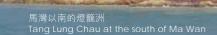




燈籠洲燈塔的外貌 Exterior of Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse









香港列為法定古蹟的燈塔位置圖

Location Map of Lighthouses which are Declared Monuments in Hong Kong

- 1 鶴咀燈塔 (1875) Cape D'Aguilar Lighthouse (1875)
- **i** 舊青洲燈塔及新青洲燈塔 (1875 及 1905) Old and New Green Island Lighthouses (1875 & 1905)
- 3 横瀾燈塔 (1893) Waglan Lighthouse (1893)
- 4 燈籠洲燈塔 (1912) Tang Lung Chau Lighthouse (1912)

- * 除舊青洲燈塔外,所有燈塔均由海事處管理。基於保安理由及避免 影響日常運作,所有燈塔並不對外開放。
 - All lighthouses are under the management of the Marine Department except the old Green Island Lighthouse. For security and operational reasons, all lighthouses are not open to the public.

()括號內數字為燈塔啟用年份 Figures in the brackets are the operation years of the lighthouses

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