Value Your Shophouse Style

Luckily I spent money to repair back. It has high heritage value now, and very beautiful.

Aiya... I should not have taken the easy way, replacing the traditional feature with ‘modern’ industrial material.

Traditional Knowledge is Wisdom

Kaki lima is a real smart idea for our weather.

Selfish neighbour fenced it up!

I want to change to bigger signages.

Staircase burnt already.

Help! People upstairs cannot get out!

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Uncle, roller shutter not suitable for house.

I followed your advice and use lime plaster.

Why use cement on the wall, the water cannot evaporate.

John! Come on, come on!

Mr. Lee, long time no see!

Come in Jack!

I wait here.

Oh! don’t block the kaki lima.

You sold the screen for RM300. Now you regret?

Aunty, handsome?

But he took so long!

Papa, catch my aeroplane!

Wake the clothes dry so fast here.

Stupid place to put the air-con. So ugly somemore!

So dark and damp!

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Heritage Shophouse Features

Features of a Shophouse “Southern Chinese” Eclectic Style

Historical Style
Identify the historical period and style of your shophouse in order to recover the authentic features on the façade. (see inside page)

Architectural Form
Understand the division and use of space, the function of the five-foot way, airwell and back-balcony in relation to ventilation and feng shui.

Traditional Materials
Learn the scientific facts about traditional building materials (timber, stone, clay & lime) and why they suit the environment in George Town.

Traditional Building Knowledge
Get a trained conservationist, contractor or worker who knows how to source for traditional materials and how to build using these materials.

Visit George Town World Heritage Inc. (GTWHI) before you plan repair or restoration work on your heritage building. For more info www.gtwhi.com.my | 04 261 6606
Heritage Shophouse Styles

**History of Façades**

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**Physical Appearance**
- 1-2 storeys (low)
- Simple façade
- 2-3 storeys
- From simple to decorative façade
- Chinese influence: carved timber door, air vents, gable end, air-well etc.
- European and Indian influence: full width timber louvered shuttered windows & U/V-shaped terracotta roof tiles
- 2-3 storeys
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- European influence: full-length shuttered windows, geometric patterned colour clay floor tiles
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- European influence: full-length shuttered windows, projecting roof, brackets, plaster relief, geometric-patterned floor tiles and dado panel tiles below windows
- 2-3 storeys
- European influence: Art Deco facade with geometric design highlighting vertical and horizontal lines
- Shanghai plaster wall finishing
- Flagstone and relief writing on the wall
- Metal-framed glass windows

**Traditional Building Materials**
- Timber, clay bricks, lime, granite, U/V-shaped terracotta roof tiles, terracotta floor tiles
- Introduction of tessellated encaustic clay floor tiles
- Introduction of glass fanlights above window, encaustic cement floor tiles & majolica ceramic wall tiles
- Introduction of Marseille terracotta roof tiles, reinforced concrete, metal and glass

**Heritage Shophouse Styles**

- We have to use other building materials.
- Rubber boom makes us Straits-born Chinese live like healthy white man.
- I want the style like my house in China.
- Welcome back next.
- We just renovated our facade with tiles imported from Europe.
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