Tai Kok Tsui Walkability Study

Street Interviews
Findings Update

Arup

April 2024

Street Interview

Objectives

To understand

- Popular places and destinations in the neighborhood

- Sentiment of walking of interviewees

- Walking pattern of interviewees

Interview Locations

- **6 March** in front of *Ivy Street Rest Garden*

- **13 April** in front of *Tai Kok Tsui Post Office*

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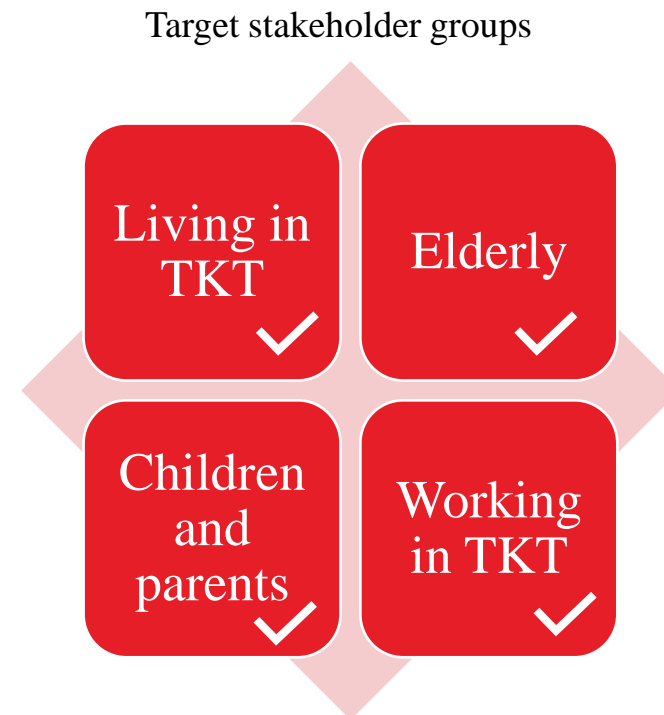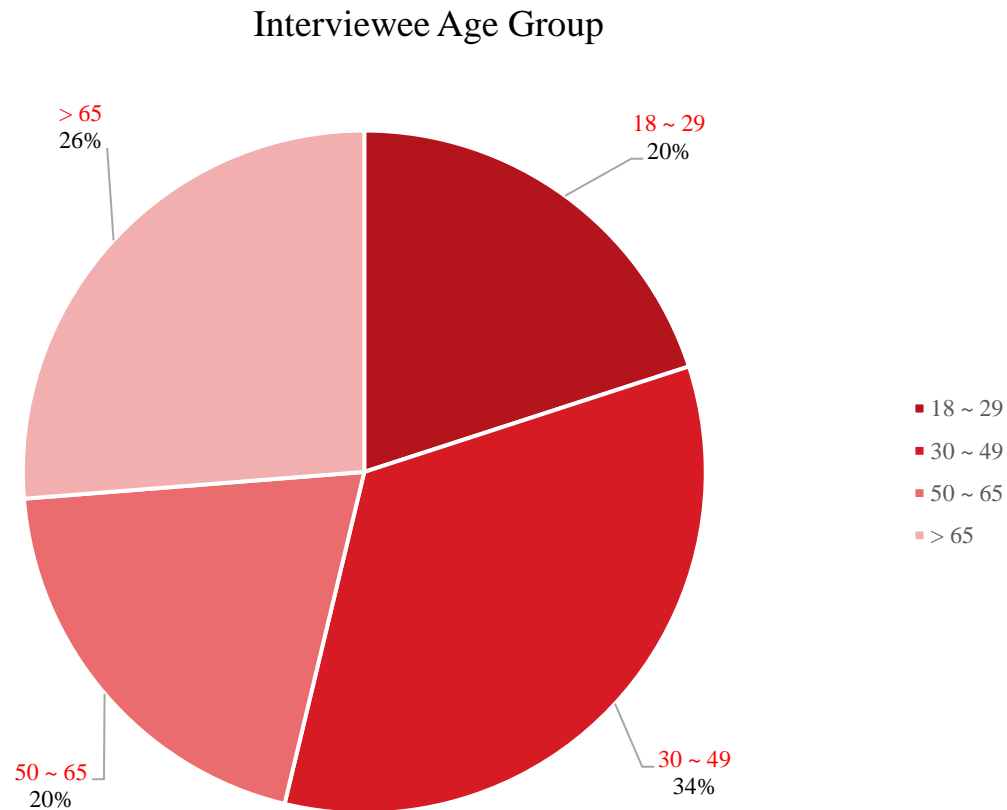
2 boards to collect to interviewees' views on

- Popular destinations

- Important considerations for choosing walking route

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Respondents

- Total 80 interviews covering different age group

- All 4 target stakeholder groups are covered in the interviews

Interviewee Age Group

- 18 ~ 29
- 30 ~ 49
- 50 ~ 65
- > 65

> 65
26%

18 ~ 29
20%

50 ~ 65
20%

30 ~ 49
34%

Target stakeholder groups

Living in TKT ✔

Elderly ✔

Children and parents ✔

Working in TKT ✔

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Findings

1. Popular destination

2. Pedestrian circulation pattern

3. Pedestrian walking habit

4. Important considerations for choosing walking route

5. Major sentiments/experience shared

Street Interview

Findings 1 - Popular Destinations

Among the 11 places picked out for the interview, the most popular destinations are:

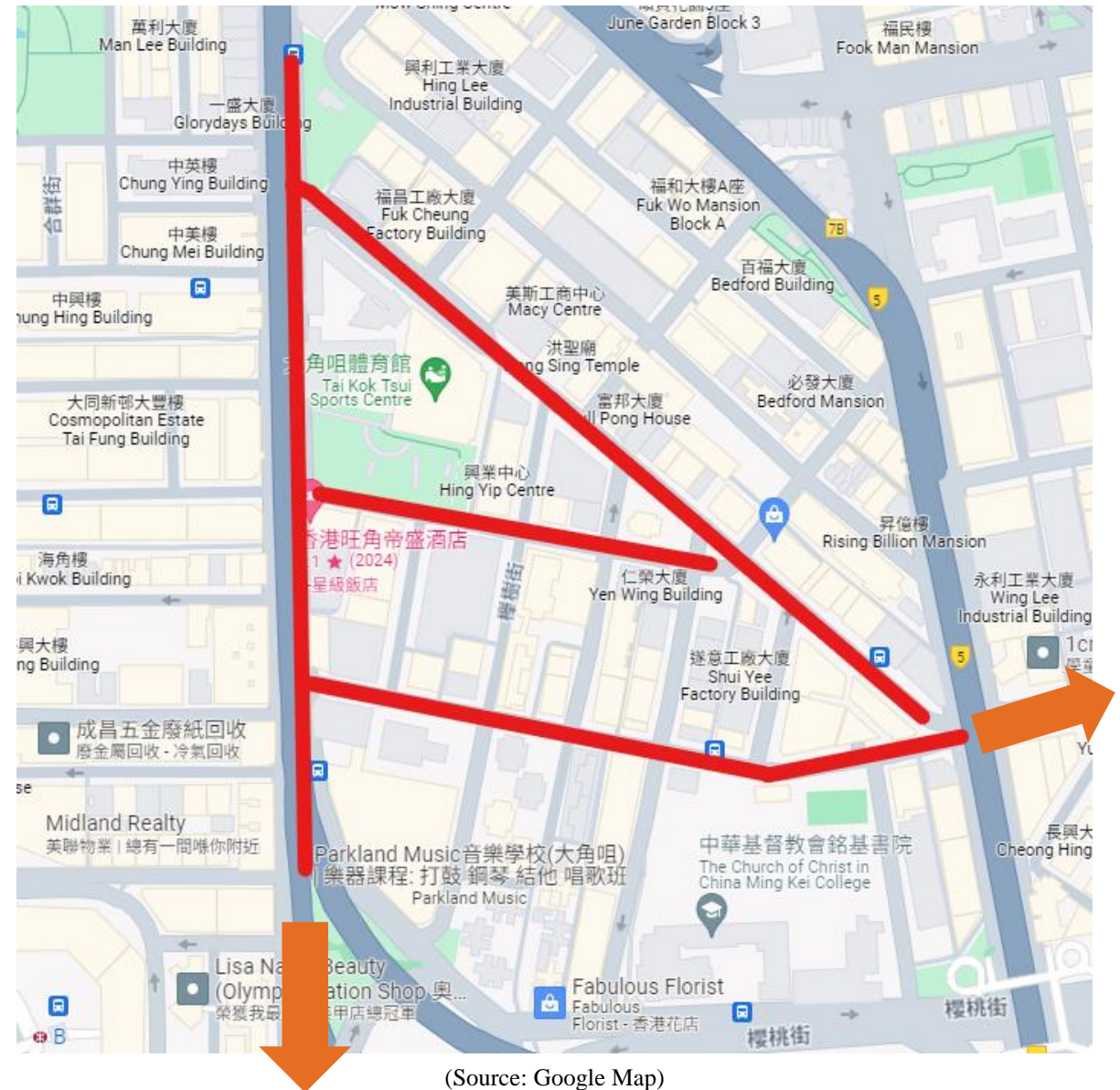| Most popular places	Purpose of visiting
Olympian City 奧海城	Shopping/Dining/Transportation
Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building 大角咀市政大廈	Grocery Shopping
Fu Tor Loy Shopping Centre 富多來商場	Dining
Others: Mong Kok 其他：旺角	Shopping/Transportation

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Findings 2 - Pedestrian Circulation Pattern

1. **Pedestrian traffic flow mainly from West to East/South** (orange arrow):
   - South toward 奧海城
   - East toward 旺角

2. **Commonly travelled road/streets (Red line) :**
   - 大角咀道
   - 埃華街
   - 福全街
   - 晏架街

(Source: Google Map)

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Findings 3 - Pedestrian Walking Habit

Pedestrians tend to skip the inner streets, mainly because…

1) No major destination within inner streets

2) Narrow pavements

3) Street obstruction

4) Traffic & safety concerns

5) No public transportation stops

Some streets are less preferred by interviewees…

- 洋松街
- 櫸樹街
- 必發道

(Source: Google Map Street View)

必發道

洋松街

(Source: Google Map Street View)

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Findings 4 - Important Considerations for Choosing Walking Route

The <u>TOP 3</u> considerations are…

- Fastest route that saves time & without the need for detours
- Greeneries along the way with clean environment
- Pedestrian safety
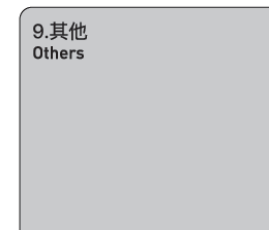
While they are less concerned about…

- Less traffic lights
- Not crowded, no need to walk onto the road
- Sitting-out areas or open spaces along the route

Some other considerations suggested by the interviewees…

- Pet facilities
- Smell
- Elderly-friendly facilities

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Findings 5 - Major Sentiments/Experience Shared

1. **Environmental hygiene/street cleanliness problems**

   For example:

   - Waste & miscellaneous articles on the roadside

   - Dog fouling

   - Water dripping from buildings

「街道有很多**雜物**，環境不太整潔」

「經過橫街時感覺**污糟**，見到垃圾堆積、有老鼠出沒」

「有冷氣機**滴水**，又有**狗糞**問題」

「有幾次黃昏和夜晚，都見過一堆**老鼠**在街邊成群結伴，有時清晨散步亦會見到老鼠屍體」

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Findings 5 - Major Sentiments/Experience shared

2. **Pedestrian safety concerns**

   - Many hardware stores and vehicle maintenance workshops located in the inner streets

   - Double parking, loading/unloading of lorries, etc.

   - Causing safety issues

「很多工廠大廈**車很多**，特別是橡樹街, 唯有周圍看看有沒有車，腳不太好行得多就唔爭氣」

「很多車及大貨車，有時會**看不清楚**交通狀況，我會**繞道**而行」

「體驗很一般，貨車經常上落貨阻街，我又要**推著買餸車行**」

「附近多五金鋼材店，容易**碰撞**，又多車」

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Findings 5 - Major Sentiments/Experience shared

3. **Busy traffic & pedestrian volume**

   - Heavy flow of people in the area
   - Inconvenience for wheelchair users/elderly/children

「覺得十分擁擠：因大角咀有很多人使用**輪椅**或**推車仔**，不時也會與行人發生**碰撞**」

「街道太多人，太擠迫，人與人之間空間太少，例如有人沒有戴口罩咳嗽，會感很煩躁、厭惡」

「小朋友要帶著興趣班的物品很辛苦，街上的人又不讓人」

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Findings 5 - Major Sentiments/Experience shared

4. **Traffic arrangement**

   - Long waiting time for traffic light: e.g. 福全街 (with low traffic flow)

   - Some found it disorganized

「福全街**新建燈位**：車輛不多，行人**要等**待時間變長，反而影響了步行體驗」

「福全街燈位無車，不需要有燈位」

「交通太繁忙，車輛太多，**交通燈號**及安排需改善」

「大角咀有很多小街道/小巷， 也會有很多車,但小街道/小巷大多沒有斑馬線或交通燈」

「**櫸樹街往新九龍廣場路口**要改善行人過路安排及交通燈口」

福全街

櫸樹街

(Source: Google Map Street View)