

**Historic Building Appraisal**  
**Half-way House, The Hong Kong Golf Club Fanling Golf Course,**  
**Fan Kam Road, Fanling, New Territories**

The Pavilion, or Half-way House, is located on Fanling Old Golf Course of the Hong Kong Golf Club. Inscriptions on a board over the entrance indicate that the building was erected in 1916 by **Sir Henry May** and **T.S. Forrest Esq.** It was originally supposed to be a resting place for ladies, but it also became a gathering point for gentlemen after the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. **Frank Hunter**, Club Captain in 1950, donated money to form the garden at the Half-way House on the occasion of his retirement from Hong Kong.

*Historical  
Interest*

The pavilion is built in traditional Chinese **Qing Vernacular** style consisting of a partly open-sided structure formed of columns spaced at regular internals supporting a pitched and hipped Chinese tiled roof. One end of the pavilion has been enclosed to form a kitchen. The roof is decorated with curling end ridges to the hips, and a colourful ridge-board supporting two green dragons competing for the Pearl of Wisdom. Ornamental finials in the shape of fish, dripper tiles and a colourful eaves board complete the decorations to the roof which is supported on traditional Chinese roof trusses. The columns, ornamental brackets, balustrades and walls are painted vermilion. The plinth is formed of unusual knapped stones. There are three flights of steps.

*Architectural  
Merit*

The pavilion is a rare piece of **Qing** architecture, but of limited heritage value. It was restored in 1998 and some alterations have been made.

*Rarity, Built  
Heritage Value &  
Authenticity*

As a **Qing** pavilion in an unusual place it has local interest, but its social value is really only in its association with the Hong Kong Golf Club and not to the community at large. It integrates well with its surroundings and forms a picturesque man-made feature enhancing the landscape. It is similar in fact to the scene in a classical Chinese Qing Dynasty garden.

*Social Value  
& Local  
Interest*

The question of adaptive re-use does not really arise as the pavilion is only a rest-house with an ornamental function as well.

*Adaptive  
Re-use*