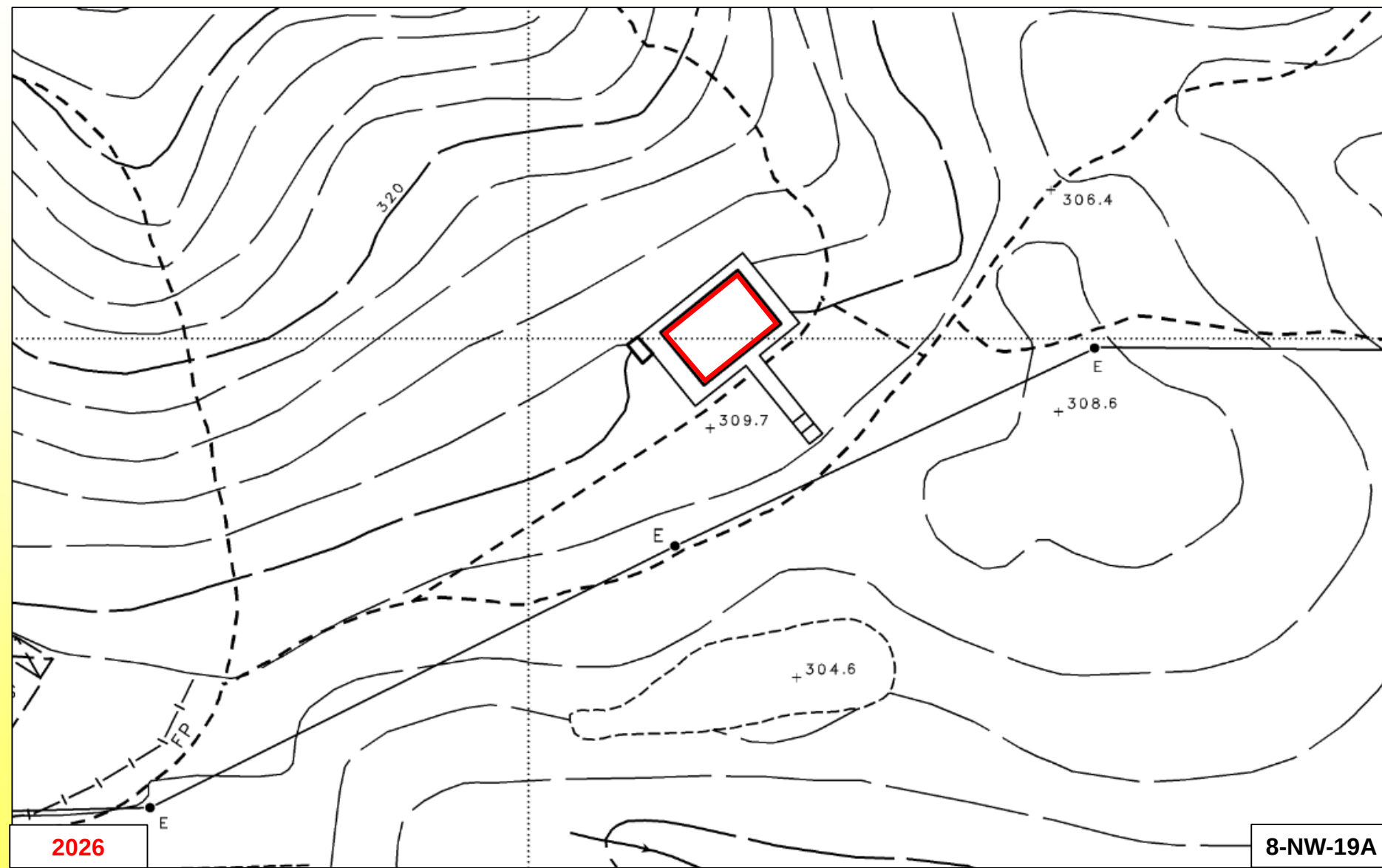


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新界大埔嶂上博愛公立學校
Pok Oi Public School,
Cheung Sheung, Tai Po, New Territories



建於1961年
Built in 1961

擬議評級範圍
Proposed grading
boundary



正立面
Front elevation

2026
(Source: AMO)



背立面
Rear elevation

2026
(Source: AMO)

Historic Building Appraisal

Pok Oi Public School

Cheung Sheung, Tai Po, N.T.

Completed in December 1961,¹ Pok Oi Public School (博愛公立學校) was a *Historical Interest* village school serving the area around Cheung Sheung (嶂上), a remote mountainous plateau in the western part of the Sai Kung Peninsula. The village had a history of over 200 years.² It had a small population, with only about two families in the late 19th century and grew to around 12 families in the 1950s.³ The highland terrain and secluded location made Cheung Sheung an ideal hub for anti-invasion activities during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. The village had once served as a base of the Hong Kong Independent Battalion of the Dongjiang Column (東江縱隊港九獨立大隊), with the Battalion Headquarters (大隊部) occasionally stationed there.⁴

By 1956, Cheung Sheung village was home to about 20 school-aged children, with another 20 living in the surrounding area.⁵ The village did not have a school, and the children had to climb nearly 300 metres every day to travel between Cheung Sheung and Ko Tong (高塘) to attend school.⁶ Well aware of the difficulties the children faced, the villagers petitioned the Government to build a school in Cheung Sheung.⁷ In 1960, the Tai Po District Office supported the establishment of a subsidised primary school at Cheung Sheung. The school was designed to accommodate about 40 pupils, with the Government bearing the full cost of construction.⁸

¹ "Memo from District Officer, Tai Po to Chief Quantity Surveyor Regarding Cheung Sheung School," 4 December 1961, in HKRS1075-1-17.

² Cheung Sheung was recorded as "樟上村" in the 1819 edition of the *Gazetteer of Xin'an County* (新安縣志). See 舒懋官修; 王崇熙等纂:《新安縣志》(據清嘉慶二十四年(1819)刻本影印), 卷二〈郡里〉, 葉二十二下, 載《中國地方志集成·廣東府縣志輯》(上海:上海書店出版社, 2003年), 第18冊, 總頁743。

³ "Cheung Sheung," enclosure of "Letter from J.C.H. Marriott to John L. Rhodes," 23 February 1961, in HKRS518-1-6.

⁴ 李坤:〈回憶港九獨立大隊情報交通站〉, 載陳敬堂、邱小金、陳家亮等編:《香港抗戰:東江縱隊港九獨立大隊論文集》(香港:康樂及文化事務署, 2004年), 頁244。

⁵ "Requests Made to H.E. on His Tour through Cheung Sheung and Ko Tong on Monday, 14th May, 1956," 14 May 1956, in HKRS1075-1-17.

⁶ "Memo from District Officer, Tai Po to Director of Education regarding Cheung Sheung School," 12 April 1960, in HKRS1075-1-17.

⁷ "Requests Made to H.E. on His Tour through Cheung Sheung and Ko Tong on Monday, 14th May, 1956," 14 May 1956, in HKRS1075-1-17.

⁸ In most cases, the construction costs of a school were covered through a combination of government subsidies and dollar-for-dollar matching donations from villagers. J.C.C. Walden, the District Officer in Tai Po at the time, recognised the financial hardships faced by Cheung Sheung, and suggested that the Government bear the full costs. The villagers then carried out site formation works and cleared

The construction of Pok Oi Public School, undertaken by Tung Cheung Construction Company (同昌建築公司) for a contract sum of HKD 23,075.50, commenced following the signing of the contract in August 1961.⁹ The school was completed in December 1961, with permission for occupation and use granted in February 1962.¹⁰ It comprised a classroom, a teacher's room and two dry latrines.¹¹

Despite its remote location and challenging terrain, Cheung Sheung was one of the areas in Sai Kung regularly visited by Catholic missionaries. The Reverend Narciso Santinon (桑得嵐神父), the parish priest of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tai Po from 1962 to 1987, frequently travelled to Cheung Sheung to celebrate Mass and have meals together with the villagers.¹² Pok Oi Public School therefore sometimes served as the venue for the Masses.¹³

Cheung Sheung has always been sparsely populated, and a subsequent decline in the number of pupils led to the closure of Pok Oi Public School in 1981. The building was once repurposed in later years as a management depot for the then Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.¹⁴

The building has a rectangular plan with a simple design featuring a pitched roof supported by steel trusses and covered with corrugated asbestos sheeting. A stepped parapet spans the full width of the front façade, bearing the school's Chinese name 博愛公立學校. The design is commonly seen in village schools constructed in the 1950s and 1960s. A concrete canopy, supported by inverted concrete beams, extends across

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debris to facilitate the building of the school as a form of contribution in kind. See "Memo from District Officer, Tai Po to Director of Education regarding Cheung Sheung School," 12 April 1960, "Cheung Sheung School," 23 August 1960 and "Special Specification for the Construction of Cheung Sheung School at Cheung Sheung, New Territories," 16 August 1961, in HKRS1075-1-17; 羅慧燕：《藍天樹下：新界鄉村學校》（香港：三聯書店香港有限公司，2015年），頁46-47。

⁹ "Contract for Construction of Cheung Sheung School, at Cheung Sheung, Sai Kung North, N.T.," 16 August 1961, in HKRS1075-1-17.

¹⁰ "Permission to Occupy Premises," 3 February 1962, in HKRS1075-1-17.

¹¹ "Special Specification for the Construction of Cheung Sheung School at Cheung Sheung, New Territories," 16 August 1961, in HKRS1075-1-17.

¹² 阮志偉、余嘉浩、許家朗、敖子亮：《先賢之路：西貢天主教傳教史》（香港：中華書局（香港）有限公司，2021年），頁210、254-255。

¹³ 〈口述歷史訪談 20. 關振偉先生〉，2020年11月，[https://thyway.catholic.org.hk/口述歷史訪談 4/](https://thyway.catholic.org.hk/口述歷史訪談4/)（2026年2月5日瀏覽）。

¹⁴ "Memo from Director of Agriculture and Fisheries to Director of Education Regarding Pok Oi Public School, Cheung Sheung," 2 February 1981 and "Memo from Director of Education to Director of Agriculture and Fisheries Regarding Pok Oi Public School, Cheung Sheung," 4 February 1982, in HKRS1075-1-17.

the entire width of the front wall to provide some cover for the doors and windows against the elements.

Constructed in a simple village-school style commonly found in the New Territories, Pok Oi Public School has since undergone certain alterations. For instance, the canopy's edges and its supporting inverted beams, originally painted white as shown in photos from the 1970s, are now painted green. The original double-leaf framed glass doors have been replaced with wooden ones, and the right-hand door has been sealed shut with concrete at the base. Besides, the school building was originally designed to comprise a classroom and a teacher's room, each with its own entrance opening onto the front façade.¹⁵ However, a partition wall separating these two spaces is no longer visible, indicating that it was likely demolished. As a result, it remains uncertain how the interior was initially partitioned into a classroom and a teacher's room when the school was still in use.

Authenticity & Rarity

Situated on the secluded plateau of Cheung Sheung, Pok Oi Public School stands as a reminder of the village's past and the villagers' efforts to provide educational opportunities for the children in the area at the time. However, the lifespan of the school was relatively short due to the decrease of the school-aged population in the village.

Social Value & Local Interest

Pok Oi Public School shares a group value with other graded village school buildings, including Tung Yik School in Lin Fa Tei, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Grade 2), King Lam School in Tap Mun, Tai Po (Grade 3), Kai Choi School in Kuk Po, Luk Keng (Grade 3) and main block and school building of Bok Man School in Tsung Pak Long, Sheung Shui (Grade 3).

Group Value

¹⁵ 〈口述歷史訪談 18. 許毅生先生〉, 2020 年 11 月及〈口述歷史訪談 20. 關振偉先生〉, 2020 年 11 月, <https://thyway.catholic.org.hk/口述歷史訪談 4/> (2026 年 2 月 5 日瀏覽)。

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