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Title: Community Impressions – The Show Goes On at Shek Kip Mei

Lam Lai-ha My name is Lam Lai-ha

I have lived in Sham Shui Po for over 50 years

Super Sound bytes of the drama

(The fire actually broke out at the Shek Kip Mei squatter area on 25

December 1953)

Summer, 2010 Maple Street Playground, Sham Shui Po

Community Oral History Theatre: "Fine Memories of Sham Shui Po"

Actor A "It was Christmas eve in 1953"

Actress A "Look! There's a fire!"

Actress B "Fire! Fire! Let's run!"

"Pack up and run!"

Lam Lai-ha: The fire left many families homeless

The fire victims slept in Shek Kip Mei, on Nam Cheong Street

and all the way down to Hoi Tan Street

Actress C "Come and look!

Government is building resettlement blocks

for fire victims in Shek Kip Mei. Come and see!"

Actress D "Right, eight 6-storey blocks in the first batch

with dozens of units on each floor. Take a look!"

Actress E "Let's pack up and be ready to move in!"

Super Lam Lai-ha

Lam Lai-ha I remember my classmates once asked to visit me

I said no problem, my house was awesome

It's a 4-bedroom unit in the mid-levels

We built an attic with two rooms

and partitioned another two below

A living room was formed in the middle

where we could assemble plastic flowers

That's our flat with 4 bedrooms and a living room!

Despite our poor living environment at that time

my family comprising three generations did know

how to respect and love each other

Actor A "What you have seen are all real-life stories"

"Maybe we could spread it by word of mouth"

Actor B "Let's pass on such memorable and laudable stories"

Actor A "from generation to generation"

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