

Housing Channel

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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