

Abstract

The Tsuen Wan Seven Street Redevelopment Project: A Factual Account

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In 1990, Seven Streets in Tsuen Wan town centre were announced as a Comprehensive Development Area, awaiting for redevelopment. In 2002, these streets disappeared from the map, and in their replacement is the erection of Vision City, a new, middle class, residential real estate property, in 2006. This redevelopment project has, surprisingly, received little attention in the literature. It is the objective of this paper to document the factual details about this redevelopment. It describes how the working class neighbourhood of Seven Streets had evolved over time, why and how it was identified as a redevelopment project within the broader context of Hong Kong's development, how the responsible redevelopment agents of the project practised, how the land was requisitioned and the residents and property owners were involved, and, finally, how Vision City was projected into people's mind. The paper finally outlines some implications for further theoretical research.