

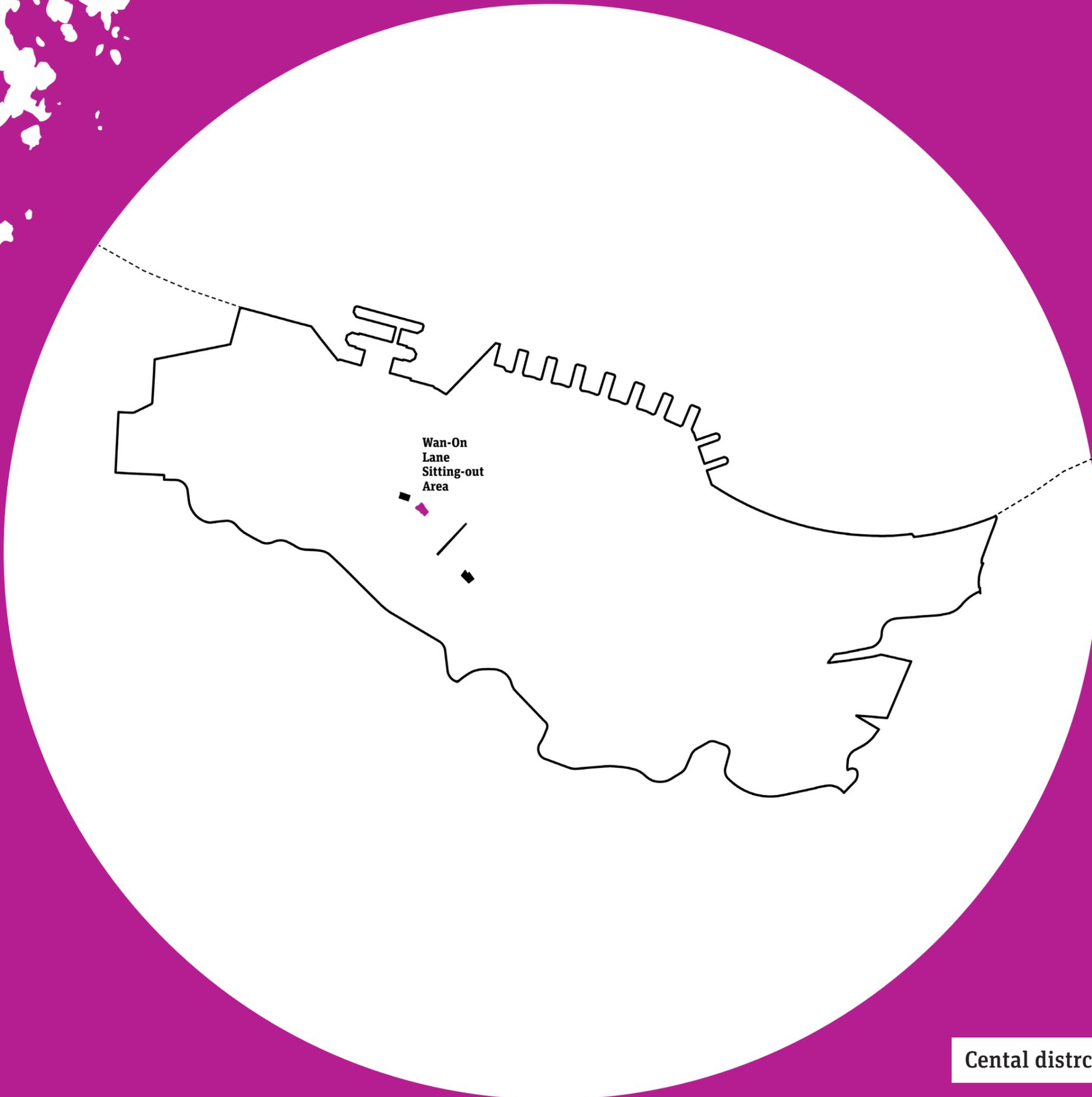


**Wa-On
Lane
Sitting-out
Area**

Site 01.



Hong Kong island



Central district in Hong Kong island

Description

Wa-On Lane Sitting-out Area

Site Condition

The site is located in a mixed-use area surrounded by commercial and residential buildings in Sheung Wan. The park is the connection between Aberdeen Street and Kin Sau Lane. Aberdeen Street is one of the main roads that connect the commercial area near the coast of Sheung Wan to the mid-levels, a residential area. Kin Sau Lane is an alley surrounded by the backside of building façade with a “Dai Pai Dong,” an open-air food stall selling affordable local food to workers.

Space

The sitting-out area can be divided into three sections that are interconnected by stairs. The upper level is the children playground, the middle level is spaciouly filled with benches and facilities for elderly and toddlers, and there are benches and chess tables in the lower level. There is access for each section, and each of them connects to the public road. The upper level with slides is located behind a high-rise residential building. The spacious middle level with elderly-training facilities, chess tables, toddlers playspace links to the public road directly. The lower level is close to a back alley with outdoor food stalls.

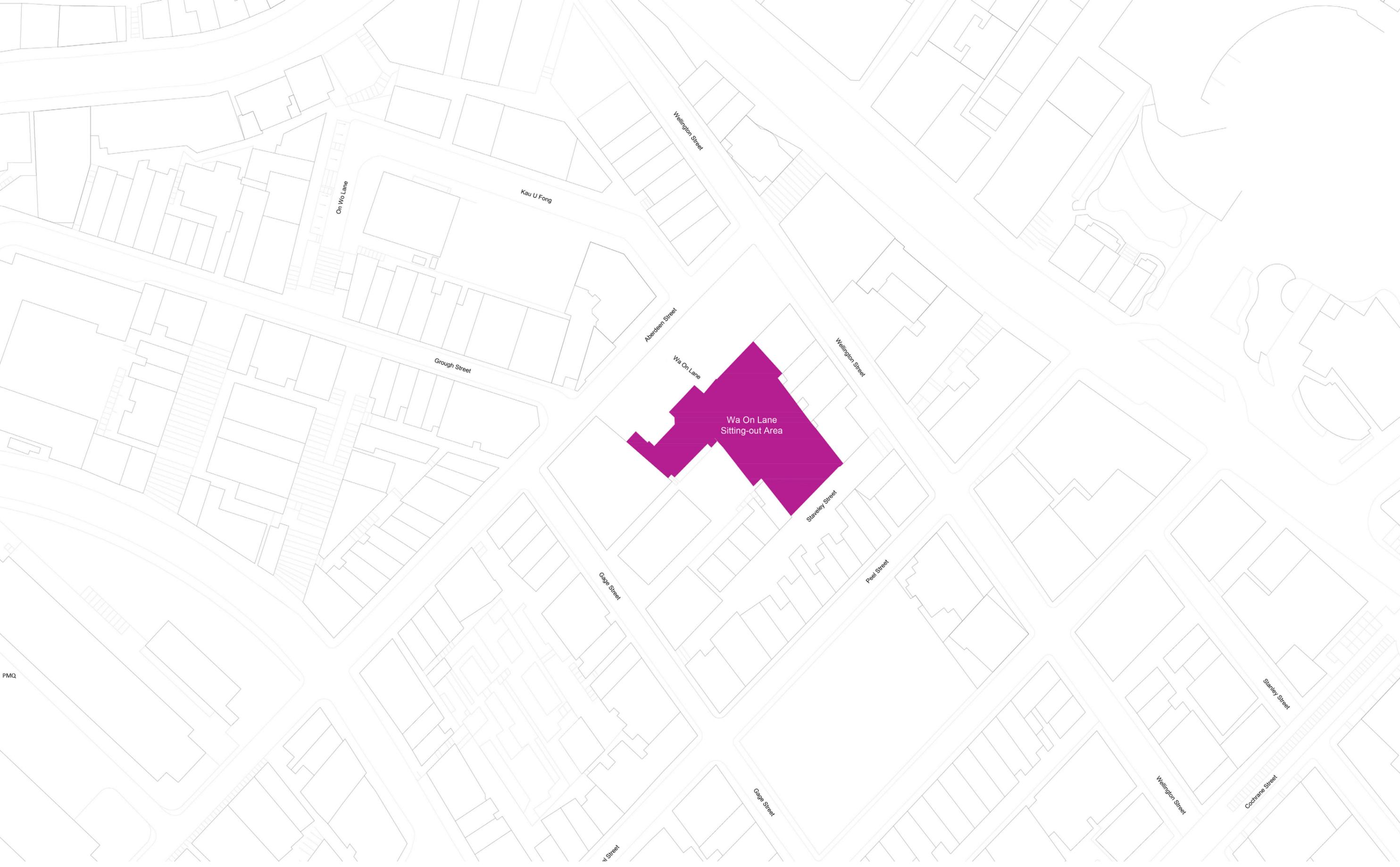
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Activities

The users of the park are various on both weekdays and weekend. However, during weekdays, users are mostly people working in restaurants, offices, and adjacent construction sites. Since the restaurants nearby are always crowded during lunchtime, visitors prefer having their lunch and taking a nap on the benches or even on the floor in the park. While the construction workers are taking their break in the park, passers can see them sleeping on the slides, benches, floor, and planters during lunch break. Retired elderlies living nearby are also the other frequent visitors to the park. They used to treat the park as a place to take a stroll or exercise. The park gets quiet at night with few visitors.

On Sunday, Filipino domestic helpers are the primary users of the park. They are fond of the spaciousness and quietness of it. They visit the park every Sunday with bringing their

speakers, mats, and home-cooked food. Some of the Filipino ladies arrive early to get nice seats; therefore, while others come at lunchtime, they may enjoy their meal and meet their friends. They always dance together after lunch with playing music out loud. The park gets quiet at night with few visitors as well.



Site plan of Wa-on lane sitting-out area





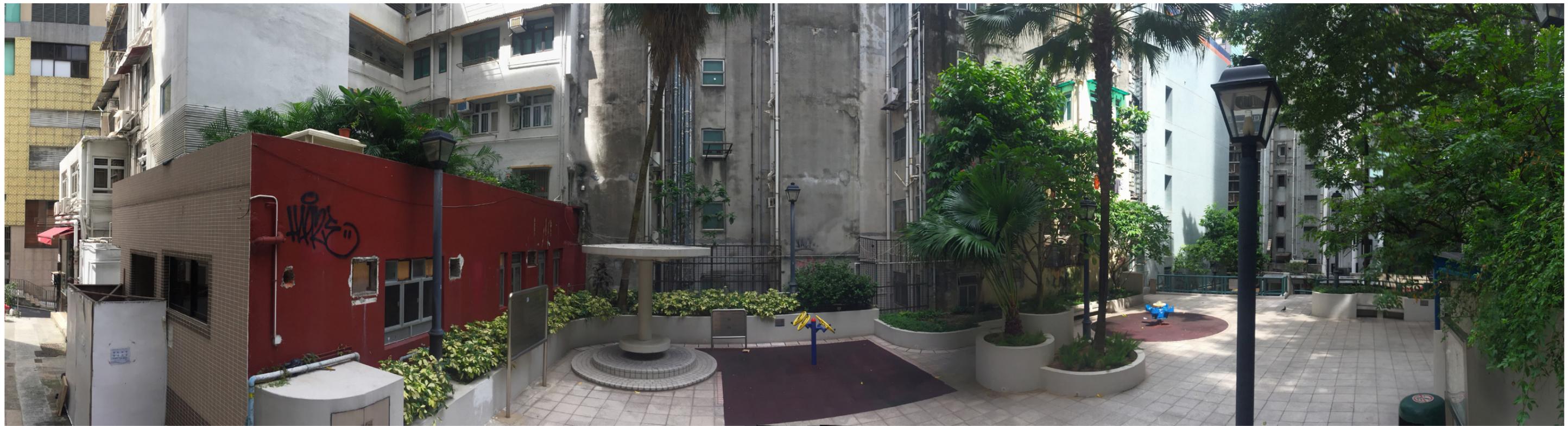
Plan of Wa-on lane sitting-out area

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Isometric of Wa-on lane sitting-out area

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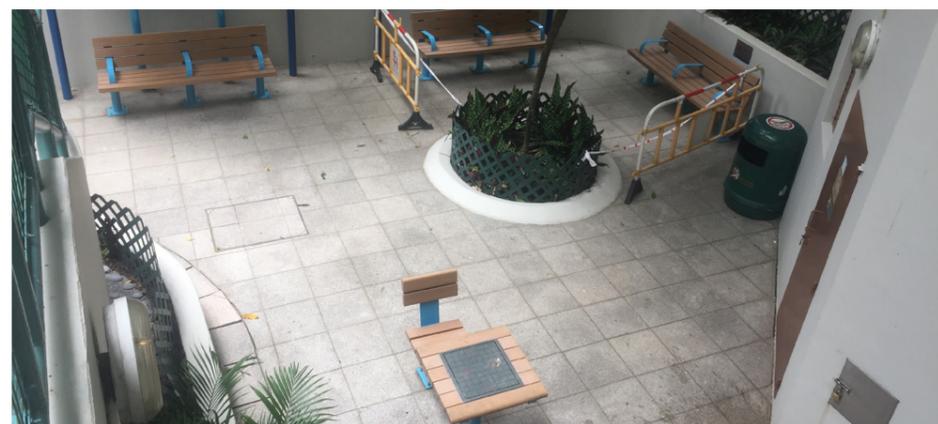
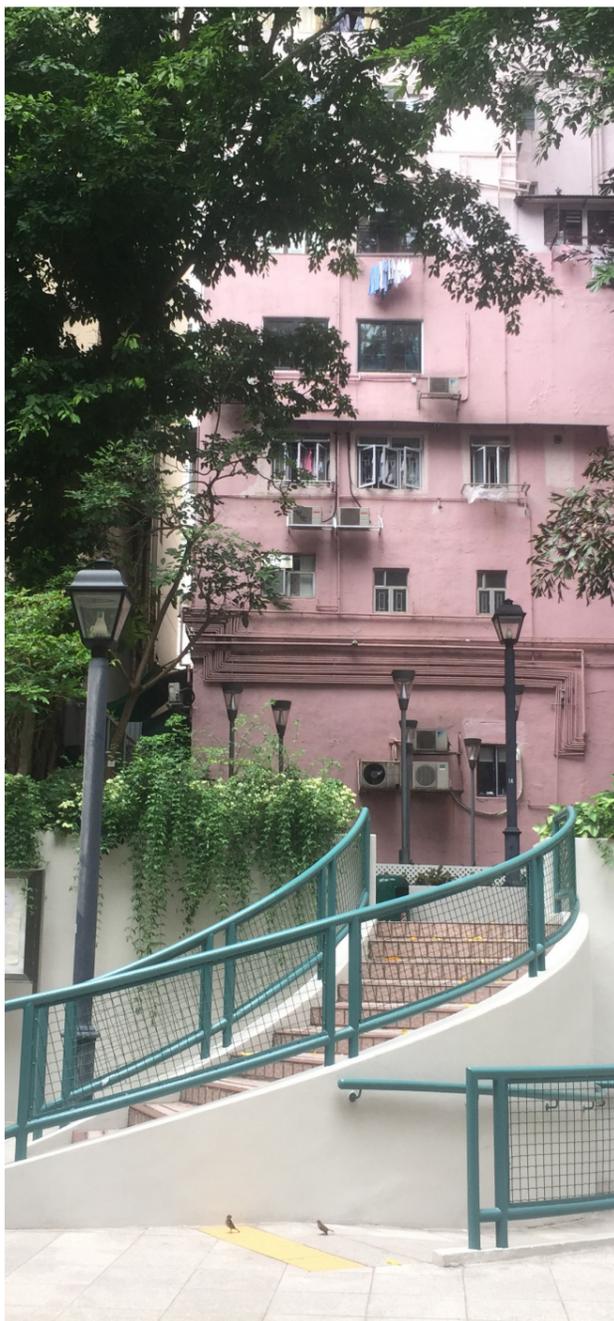
01. Panorama of Wa-on lane sitting-out area



02. Panorama of Wa-on lane sitting-out area



03. Panorama of Wa-on lane sitting-out area



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