

# Reaching Out



A dancing performance supported by the "Arts and Cultural Partnership Programme in Old Urban Districts: Pilot Scheme".



Students visit URA's Urban Renewal Exploration Centre.

## In touch with the young people

Engaging and reaching out to the community are integral part to URA's work on urban renewal. Efforts have been put to reinforce the public understanding of the problem of urban decay and URA's mission of regenerating the city.

During the year, a wide range of education and extension programmes have been organised for primary, secondary and tertiary students, such as guided visits to

the Urban Renewal Exploration Centre, docent tours of URA projects, field trips in old districts, as well as inter-school competitions related to urban renewal. A mobile App “UR City Fun” has been launched to facilitate experiential learning of secondary school students.



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## Community arts and culture in urban renewal

The URA believes integrating community arts and culture elements in urban renewal would help underscore its vision of enhancing the quality of living of residents in old urban areas.

In 2012/13 we have supported 13 local groups in organising arts and cultural programmes, benefitting over 60,000 residents in old districts. We also supported some 20 events in Oasis Gallery, a temporary exhibition venue in the Central Market building, which will be turned into the “Central Oasis” for the people of Hong Kong. One acquired block on Wing Lee Street continued to be used by Hong Kong Arts Centre for its artist-in-residence programme.



Participants of a tea appreciation workshop serve tea for the local community in the Kowloon Walled City Park.



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## Serving the community

Adhering to URA's mission of caring the people living in the old districts, the Community Service Partnership Scheme has been introduced since September 2012. This is a tripartite scheme in which URA has partnered with nine tertiary institutions and local non-Government organisations to serve those in need at various old districts. Over 1,200 service hours have been achieved for the year.



Various programmes under the URA's Community Service Partnership Scheme.



A group photo taken at the Award Ceremony of the Community Service Partnership Scheme.