

# VERTICAL INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG

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The context of location, history, economic and political events, the will of survival, had contributed to the evolution of this building type. The formation, development and transformation of the type, in turn, have greatly affected our environment, and society. This miraculous transformation of Hong Kong, from a quiet, scenic trading port after World War II to a thriving international center of business, finances, communication, manufacturing, and transportation in a relatively short span of today, was made possible in large part through the development and expansion of its industrial base. Vertical industrial buildings represent a unique solution responding to these forces. This research attempts to trace the evolution, development and transformation of this highly functional building type relative to social, economical, and very significantly, political events. Other objectives of the research are to:

- Establish types (i.e. warehouse, manufacturing, R&D, container terminal, etc.) and subtypes.
- Documentation of planning, construction and architectural characteristics.
- Trace the design and planning, and technology development of the types through time.
- Evolution of the industrial districts and new towns, their relationship to land reclamation programs, residential settlement and transportation planning.
- The evolution of a hybrid building type: (the Industrial/Office Building).
- The future of Vertical Industrial Buildings and Industrial Districts, problems and opportunities after 1997.

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