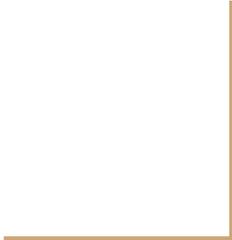
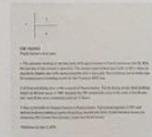




“Home In Focus” Exhibition

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Pearls Centre's final days
Lim Yaohui

Background information about Pearls Centre

- Was located along Eu Tong Sen Street

- In the late 70s, it was popular for its nightclubs, luxury restaurants and cinema

- It had to make way for underground tunnelling works for the Thomson MRT line

Background information about Yangtze Cinema

- 39 year old theatre, opened in 1977 and started business showing mainly Hong kong martial arts films
- It later became known for screening R21 movies from other countries
- Most audiences were male retirees who spend their afternoons watching a movie





-Escalator leading to 2 halls of Yangtze cinema in Pearls Centre.

Image 1

- Vantage point - lower angle
- Elongates the escalator

- Capture a **familiar sight** for those who always visit the cinema
- Captures most colours and entry point to the cinema/ flow of direction
- Usage of linear perspective and diagonal lines to create depth

If taken from the side:
would not capture the iconic design of its interior.

If taken from the top facing down:
Would not capture the main lobby entrance



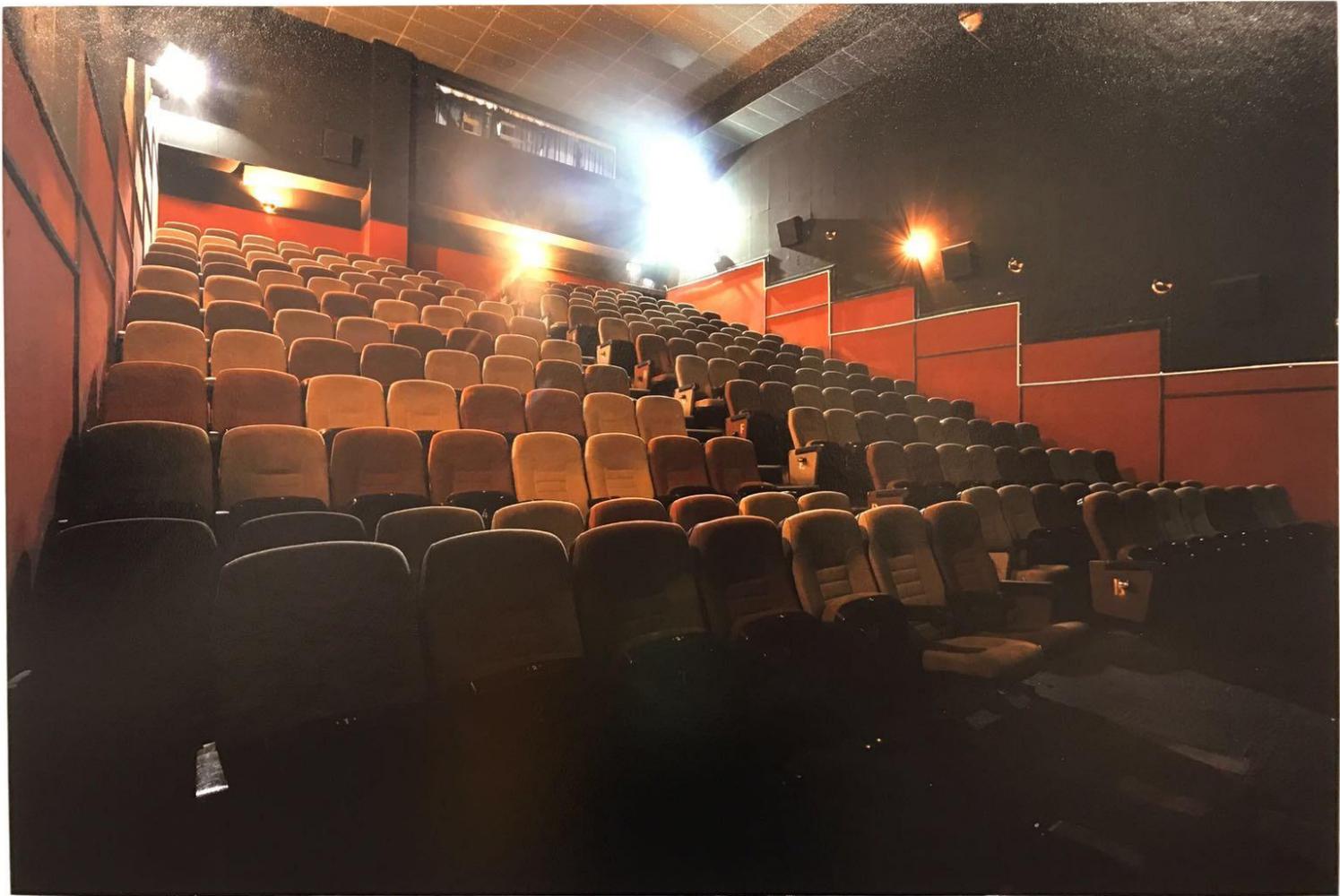


-A fireproof sliding door at the carpark of Pearls Centre

Image 2

- Vantage point - eye level / flat view
- Flat view captures a familiar sight that people would see when they visited the cinema
- Hint from the photographer for developments to "go slow.."
- Good colour coordination
- Shows even the imperfection of the place





-One of the halls of Yangtze cinema

Image 3

- Vantage point - low angle / down-up shot

A “looking back” perspective

Elongates the view of the seats- looks like there are a lot of seats , yet they are empty

If taken from the top-down, it would disrupt the flow of the seats.

Looks like the end of a movie, similarly, it symbolises the shutting down of the cinema.



Why did the curators decide to put these photos in this series?

Main theme:

- To have a collection of photos of the last days of Yangtze cinema
- Reminiscing the old
- Nostalgia
- All images are of places located in the same building - Pearls Centre
- Shows urban restructuring (removal and addition of different types of infrastructures)

What did we name the series?

- On its Last Legs
 - Meaning nearing the end of life/existence