QESS Heritage VR - Tiger Balm Garden

Genre: Single/Multiplayer player Platform(s): Windows Tested devices: Oculus Quest 2, Vive Pro 2, Vive Cosmos, CAVE



Background:

Haw Par Mansion, better known for its public gardens known as Tiger Balm Garden,was a mansion and gardens located at Tai Hang Road, Wan Chai District, Hong Kong Island. The landscaped garden was built at a cost of HK\$16 million by Aw Boon Haw and his family in 1935.

Due to city development, many parts of the mansion are dismantled and rebuilt. Through virtual reality, the mansion is preserved in a digital way. Players can now explore the lobby, restroom, acoustic room and dining room of the mansion, garden landscape, and tower in a general overview level in an immersive and boundless way.



The mansion displays Eclectic style. Western disposition, structure and facilities, supplemented with traditional Chinese garden, roof-shape and coloured paintings.





The Garden decorated with colorful statues preaching reincarnation messages was opened to the public, and became the collective memory of Hong Kong people.

Despite the garden being demolished years ago, the mansion is now being restored, adapted and revitalized, and ready to be opened to the public, so that this epic story written in architecture can be told.

