

# SLOW HK, YIM TIN TSAI

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Be Movement continues its search for abandoned places, and uncovers Yim Tin Tsai, uninhabited since the late 1980s.

Yim Tin Tsai is a small island in Sai Kung. Less than one square kilometre, it was settled in the 19th century by the Hakka Chan clan from Shenzhen, who cultivated six acres of salt. At its peak the island's population grew to 500, some say even 1000. But as cheaper salt from the mainland and Vietnam arrived in Hong Kong, and agriculture and fishing could no longer sustain the population, the villagers put down their tools and walked away. •



**WHY ARE WE DRAWN TO THE TRANQUIL MELANCHOLY OF ABANDONED PLACES?**

To dwell in crumbling ruins that nature claims  
Yet nonetheless, persistent memories remain.



Clockwise from Left to Right

*It was as if everything was left in a hurry and there were no one left to help pick up the pieces of an abandoned building*