

香港設計系列一

建:香港精神紅魚藍

自從國內開放沿海城市以來,香港經歷過經濟 危機,社會和政治架構都面對不少的轉變。由 於內地提供了大量勞工,本地的製造業紛紛遷 移內地,香港則較趨向產品加工和服務業的發 展,其中設計扮演著重要的角色,為香港企業 灌輸了創新的意念。多年來,許多設計師在產 品的製作上,成功地把設計、商業和科技結合 創造出高質素的產品和別具風格的品牌。為表 揚設計在提昇生活質素、品味,以至在業務推 廣上的重要性,香港文化博物館成為首間致力 收藏及展出本地設計師作品的公共博物館,並 以推廣本地設計為使命和目標。自成立以來, 我們投放了不少資源在「設計」的研究、收藏和 舉辦活動上,希望能把香港建立為亞洲的設計 樞紐。

此外,香港政府在推動創意工業上,亦不遺餘 力。除舉辦「設計」的國際性會議、公開講座和 工作坊外,又大力支持成立香港設計中心,以 促進及加強「設計」在企業轉型上所能發揮的

香港文化博物館自2000年12月揭幕以來,每年 均設立特定主題,作為舉辦展覽及活動的概念 綱領。鑑於「設計」在塑造香港的未來發展中地 位日漸顯著,香港文化博物館特將2004至 2005年定為「設計年」,展示香港設計界的多元 發展及驕人成就。

在「設計年」的各項節目中,「香港設計系列」會 以連串的展覽形式,介紹各種不同的設計範疇, 以及其與日常生活和環境的密切關係。該系列 包括:

1.「建」── 香港視覺/平面設計

2. 「間」— 室內及戶外設計

3. 「融」── 家庭產品設計

4. 「成」─ 產品設計進程 5. 「潮」─ 時裝設計

我們更特別邀請了五位在設計界中享負盛名的 設計師和學者,出任客席策展人,為展覽注*入* 嶄新的意念。「建:香港精神紅白藍」是「香港 設計系列」的頭砲,由黃炳培(別號「又一山人」 擔任策劃。又一山人投身設計逾廿四年,不單 是平面設計師,亦是藝術攝影家、廣告設計師 和電視廣告導演,可謂多才多藝。從2001年起 他開始進行「香港建築|計劃,探討香港的本」 精神課題。他試圖利用一種普通、廉價、輕便 耐用而又具強烈本土特色的物料,以自己的視 覺語言加以改造和演繹。這種常見於製造儲物 袋、建築地盤的棚架帷幕、小販攤檔、店舖帳 篷的紅白藍膠布,正正切合他的意念。2001年 「香港國際海報三年展」中,又**一**山人首次利用 這種物料作實驗性的創作,其後更發展成一系 列的作品,包括2003年「香港藝術雙年展」的 印刷作品、「有關香港二、三事 | 的裝置作品 及一連串的「香港建築」展覽系列。在又一 人的手下,原本平平無奇的紅白藍膠布變為可 塑性極高的素材,見証著香港社會和經濟的蜕 變,並在意念的層面上代表了香港人的精神。

是次展覽又一山人邀請了二十位藝術家、設計 師,以及各區的中小學學生參與,各自演繹「紅 白藍 | 的精神。展覽的平面、立體和裝置作品 均以這種具濃厚地道風味的物料為創作媒介 使展覽營造出溫馨而懷舊的氣氛,勾起我們對 昔日的懷緬一家裡的紅白藍塑膠儲物袋、街頭 巷尾懸著的帳篷;回鄉探親時塞得滿滿的行李 以至兒時的回憶,我們的祖父母,我們的舊香

港。忽然間,這種代表著舊社會的尋常物料 在藝術和設計展覽、演唱會、時裝表演,還有 海報和產品設計中流行起來,奇妙地幻變成具 現代感、時尚及深具象徵意義的媒介。

究竟這種紅白藍膠布憑甚麼本領,能搖身一變 深深地迷住香港人呢?它呈現的,是怎麼樣的 精神?相信又一山人會給大家一個滿意的答案。

香港文化博物館 館長(藝術) 陳李淑儀

Hong Kong Design Series I

building hong kongred whiteblue

In recent decades Hong Kong has been going through economic crisis and many structural changes after the opening of China and its coastal cities. It has experienced the mass relocation of manufacturing industries into the Mainland where abundant labour is readily available. Subsequently, Hong Kong is more and more reliant on the higher value added productions and service industries. Design is one of the core essences in providing conceptual and creative innovations into the business activities of Hong Kong. Many designers have, for the past decades, engaged in creative thinking by combining design with business and technology to create high value added products and eventually promoting the brand profiles of companies. In recognition of its importance, not only as a creative activity to define taste and life style but also as a strategic instrument to successful business, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum is the first public museum in Hong Kong to give due recognition to the efforts and creativities of local designers. Therefore 'Design' is written into the vision and mission of the Museum. Since then, tremendous efforts and resources are spent in researching, collecting and promoting 'Design', with an aim to build Hong Kong as the design hub of Asia.

Besides the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Government is also instrumental in promoting Creative Industries, focusing on how 'Design' can transform business by organizing international forums; public lectures and workshops; and supporting the establishment of the Hong Kong Design Center.

Since the opening of the Museum in December 2000, a special theme was identified annually to provide conceptual identity to exhibitions curated and activities organized for effective promotion and presentation. As design practice becoming more and more distinguish and involved in shaping the future of Hong Kong, the Museum has dedicated 2004-2005 as the 'Year of Design', to show the infinite possibilities of this discipline and how its practitioners engaged in the pursuit of excellence and innovation through artistic expressions in various business activities.

Among the special programmes organized in the 'Year of Design', the Hong Kong Design Series is purposely curated to feature various disciplines of design showing how it has integrated into our life through daily activities and familiar environment. They include a series of five exhibitions:

Building Hong Kong - visual/graphic design

- 2) Spaces and Places interior and exterior design
- 3) Mega-crossover home products design
- 4) In and Out product design development 5) Body and Wears - fashions design

Judy Chan Curator (Art) Hong Kong Heritage Museum

redwhiteblue.

Guest curators who are prominent designers or

academics in their own disciplines are invited to

introduce innovative and creative conceptual thinking

to the series. 'building hong kong redwhiteblue' is the

first in the series to be curated by Stanley Wong, alias

anothermountainman, who has been in the creative

industry for over twenty-four years. Among his many

creative abilities as a graphic designer, an artist

photographer, an advertising designer, and a TV

commercial director, he has also ventured into his

search for the Hong Kong spirit through his special

project known as 'Building Hong Kong' since 2001.

cheap, light and durable material that has a strong

The artist/designer wants to employ a common

local flavour to translate his message into visual

languages. The red-white-blue polyethylene material

which is commonly used in making storage bags, as

scaffolding in construction site, as protective cover for

hawker store, and as canopy for roadside shop is the

perfect solution to his conceptual representation. At

the 'Hong Kong International Poster Triennial 2001', it

was the beginning of his continuous experimentation

by using this material in designing his poster series, in

creating his print series for the 'Contemporary Hong

Kong Art Biennial 2003', in constructing his installation

art for the 'One or Two Things About Hong Kong' and

in his 'Building Hong Kong' exhibition series. This

mundane and banal red-white-blue polyethylene

material popularized by artists/designers as a pliable

medium has incidentally undergone metamorphosis to

keep pace with the social and economic development

of Hong Kong. It has assumed an illustrative visual

For this exhibition anothermountainman has invited

twenty artists/designers and student groups to

redefine the spirit of redwhiteblue. The participants

have the flexibility of creating 2-D or 3-D design/art

works by embracing the multiple dimensionality of this

pliable, banal and durable polyethylene material. The

presence of this strong local flavour has provided a

warm and nostalgic ambience to the exhibition. Many

of us have grown up with the familiar sight of red-

white-blue storage bags at home, canopies and

covers around the corners on the street, and over-

stuffed baggages on the slow train to China. The

association is so strong that the audience may find

this overwhelming with memories of their childhood,

their grandparents and old Hong Kong. This signature

material of our old society has miraculously

transformed into a modern, chic and symbolic medium

in art and design exhibitions, in pop concert, in fashion

We may want to ask ourselves and the audiences,

how and why would the red-white-blue reinvented

itself and find its way into the heart of the Hong Kong

would be the best person to interpret the significance

of this transformation and his pursuit for the spirit of

people? Our quest curator, anothermountainmar

show, in poster and product design.

represent the spirit of the Hong Kong people.

identity through different conceptual interpretation to

這不是紅白藍的開始。 更不是紅白藍的總結。

還記得…

1989年冬,身為香港廣告創意人的我。 得公司派往倫敦分公司考察深造。 為期一個月的英倫生活令我增添不少養分。

不是説人家的飯特別香,踏足倫敦 360度地給她的藝術、時裝、廣告、建築及設 計直接衝擊,

新、奇、趣的都來不及看。 一天竟然在蘇豪區一間小小的精品店內 看到來自我們香港的紅白藍膠袋放在貨架上 時空頓然停了數分鐘。

從此,我學識用不同文化角度去推量思考 回到香港開始對身邊「本地」的事、情、物更 加關心,對紅白藍更加另眼相看

十多年來,拍下無數的紅白藍的照片。 近的有中、港、台,遠的有泰國甚至美加 時而包裹地盤抵沙擋石、時而士多檔口外遮陽 光防雨水,

時而變身手挽袋,盛載我們的財物、回鄉手信 我們的夢。

無處不在的它不久被我看成有性格有態度,活 脱脱的一個人

它堅毅地緊守崗位,擁有面對逆境的能耐,默 默辛勞投入參與建設城市的精神, 就正正代表了我們香港六、七十年代的每一份

過去三年來,由為香港文化博物館海報展做的 一套「紅白藍無限」文化海報開始, 接著做了十多個平面及立體的香港建築紅白藍 項目,推銷正面的香港精神· 不斷做,我就不斷學。

學的是創作理想,學的是做人,做香港人 創作。 可以是商業的手段。

創作。 也是文化, 藝術世界的魔法、把戲。

對我來説最有價值者 莫過於對人民,對社會築起一個平台。 提供溝通空間,思考空間,表白態度及分享的 衷心感激香港文化博物館給我機會合作策劃 「建:香港精神紅白藍」視覺創作聯展。

感動的是明總館長,館長Judy及全體工作人員 對策展方向的支持和包容

以及實現過程中的配合和汗水。

當然更要多謝本地二十多位平面設計、建築 攝影、藝術以至時裝設計等不同界別的大師 新一代,以及大、中、小學學生精英應邀參與。

謹希望是次展覽的起點是

創作人拿我們香港人生活中的紅白藍膠布發揮 其對香港正面的見解和看法。

目的地?…

很想觀眾從中得到一些關於我們香港的啟示、 思考、提問,或對話。

説實話,建築香港……得要眾「智」成城。

客席策展人

又一山人

This is not the beginning of redwhiteblue. And this is not the conclusion

of redwhiteblue.

I still remember...

It was the winter of 1989. As a member of the Hong Kong creative advertising industry,

I was on staff exchange programme to London office of the agency I was working for. A month in England was certainly an enriching experience.

It was not a matter of the English grass being

But to be surrounded by English arts, fashion,

advertisements, architectures and designs was a pleasant assault on the senses. I looked on with awed bewilderment and curiosity.

One day, I came face to face with the redwhiteblue plastic bag in a small boutique in Soho -A typical Hong Kong product right there on the

shelf. For a few minutes, time froze. I learned, from then on, to consider things from different cultural perspectives.

I became more concerned with all things 'local' when I returned to Hong Kong, and began to look at redwhiteblue from a different angle.

> For more than ten years, I took countless photographs of redwhiteblue.

> > Taiwan, which are near to us, and it could be further locales such as Thailand, or even U.S.A. and Canada...

These could be plastic sheets at construction sites, the canopies outside street-side groceries.

The locations varied from China, Hong Kong and

Or it might take the form of baggage carrying our belongings, our presents to take back to home villages on visits, even our dreams.

The omnipresent plastic sheet soon acquired its own character, complete with attitudes,

Not unlike a human being standing steadfastly by his post, patiently facing life's difficulties, and struggle on without a word of complain - to be involved in our own city.

This is very much like Hong Kong people of the 1960s and 1970s.

Three years ago, I designed a series of cultural posters for the Hong Kong Heritage Museum entitled 'redwhiteblue unlimited'

This was followed by 'Building Hong Kong' - a series of graphic and 3-D projects based on the motif of redwhiteblue. It was a learning experience as I worked over and over on the same motif. In the process, I learned about the creative ideal, about being a person, a Hongkongese.

Creative work can be commercial

Creative work can also be cultural, a gadget or a magical means in the world of art.

Creative work is to me a most valuable platform to link people with society, allowing spaces for communication, thoughts, expression and sharing.

My most sincere gratitude goes to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum for giving me this opportunity to curate the exhibition 'building hong kong

redwhiteblue'. I am deeply touched by the support and patience of Mr. Ming the Chief Curator, Judy the curator and all who involved in the grueling task, which led, to the

materialization of this project. I would also like to thank the graphic designers, architects, photographers, visual/fine artists, and fashion designers as well as students from primary, secondary and tertiary institutes who graciously

I hope the starting point of this exhibition, Is to take the redwhiteblue to express positive spirit

agreed to participate in the show.

of Hong Kong. The destination? ... A sincere wish that the audience would be

and dialogues. Frankly speaking, to build Hong Kong... ... we need to gather our wisdom.

enlightened and encouraged to develop thoughts

anothermountainman

Guest Curator

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