

# The carrying out of Sub-structure works for usual large-size building project without a basement

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Sub-structure for usual large-size building without a basement still contains a lot of works within ground, such as:

1. Construction of the pile cap which is at least 4 to 5 m below ground level for large-size buildings.
2. Construction of raft foundation for major core structures.
3. Construction of ground columns
4. Construction of ground beams tying up between caps or ground columns.
5. Other underground associated works such as manholes/drainage.
6. Since majority of these works are located quite deep down into ground, excavation up to 5 to 6m deep is often required even without a basement structure.
7. In some cases especially in sloppy site, quite a significant amount of slope work is required in associated with the sub-structure work.
8. Backfilling the excavated void after completion of work.

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Example of very simple building – a primary school in HK



Sub-structure Works, Case 1

URA Redevelopment  
project at Ship Street,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong



Excavation down to the formation level. At this level, the pile heads were located and prepared for the receiving of the pile cap or raft foundation for the core wall

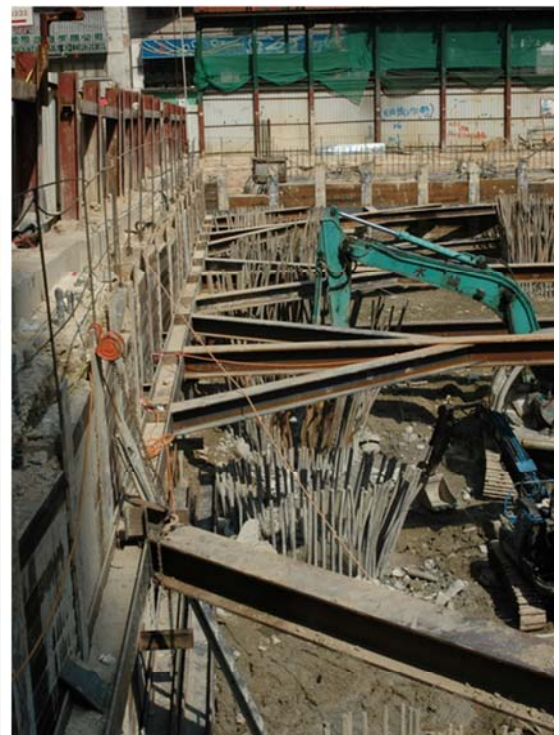


Street level

Formation level for raft foundation

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Soldier pile was used  
as the cut-off wall  
during excavation



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Locate and prepare  
the pile head before  
the construction of  
pile cap

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A completed pile cap with starter bar for the future ground beams and columns

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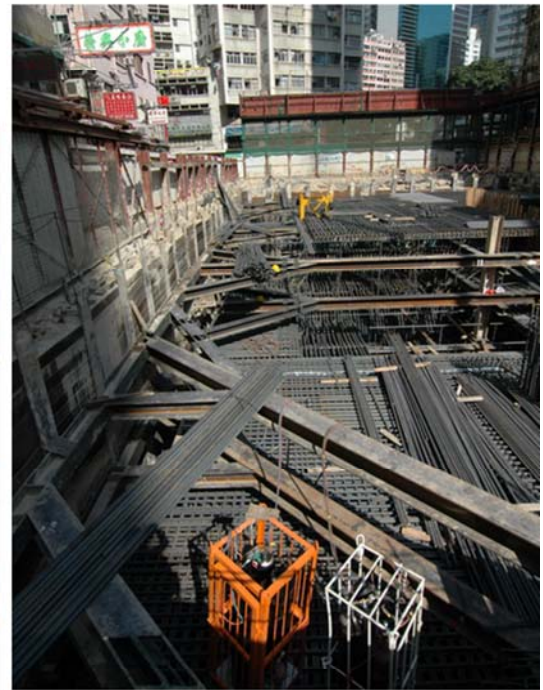
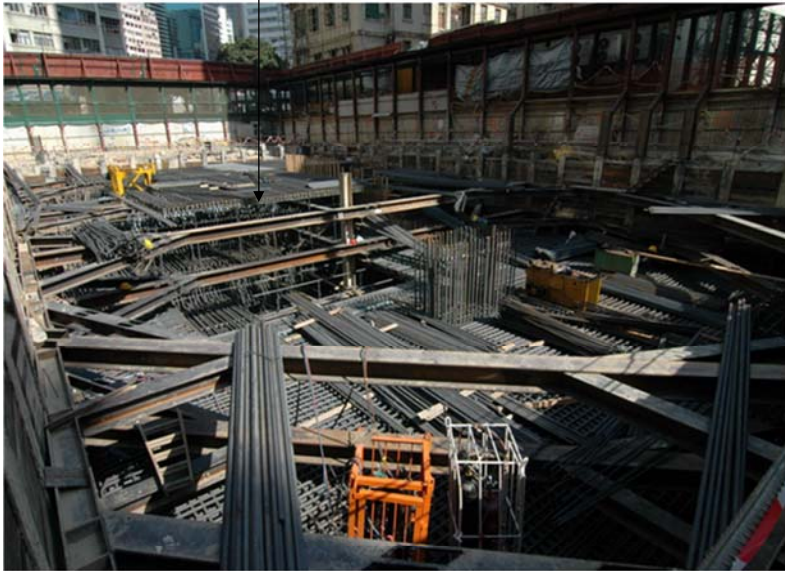


Fixing of the reinforcing bars for a gigantic raft completed before placing of concrete

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Pit for lift shaft inside core wall  
of the future building



Fixing of the reinforcing bars for a gigantic raft completed before placing of concrete

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Sub-structure Works, Case 2

Redevelopment  
project at Junction of  
Tai Yuen Street and  
Queen's Road East,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong

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Early stage of excavation to form the pit for the raft foundation



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Bore-pile used as firm base for the shoring support to cut-off wall

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Excavated pit for the forming of the building raft/sub-structure

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Construction/forming of the raft,  
lift pit and the core wall structure



Drainage installation before  
backfilling the sub-structure





Backfilling in stage to meet the progress of work

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### Sub-structure Works, Case 3

Redevelopment  
project at Junction of  
Cross Street and  
MacGregor Street,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong

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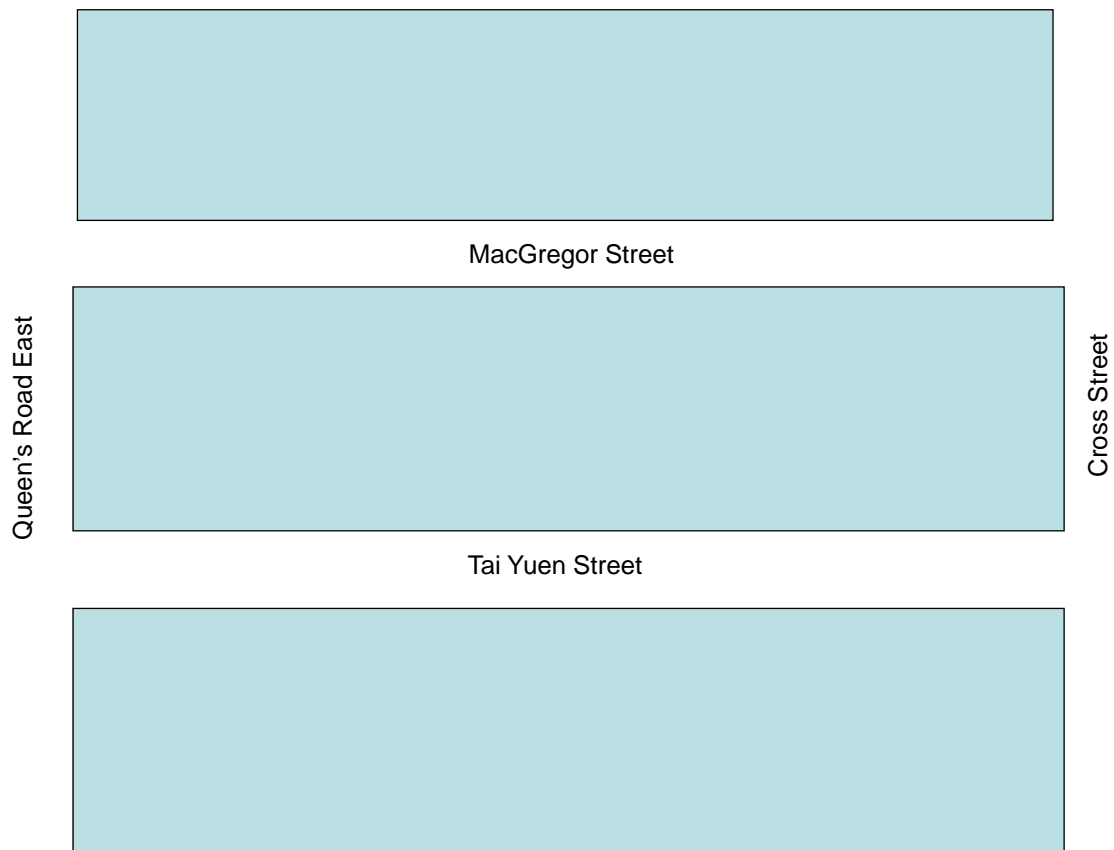
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The site before excavation for the pile cap and construction of sub-structure



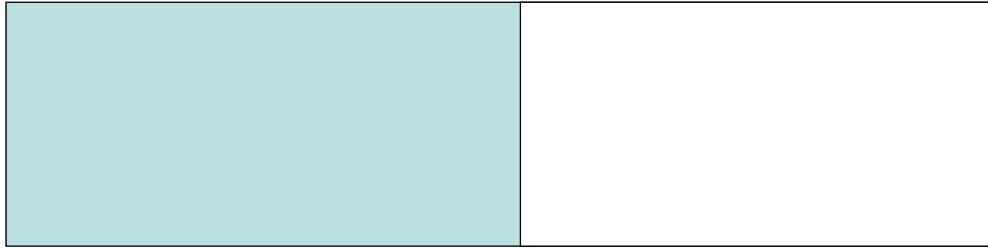
Site before demolition in 2008



Queen's Road East



MacGregor Street



Cross Street

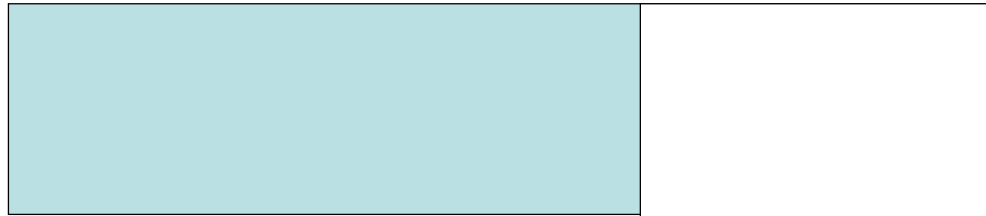
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Site after demolition in 2009

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Queen's Road East



MacGregor Street



New Road

Construction site  
combining two  
previous sites

Cross Street

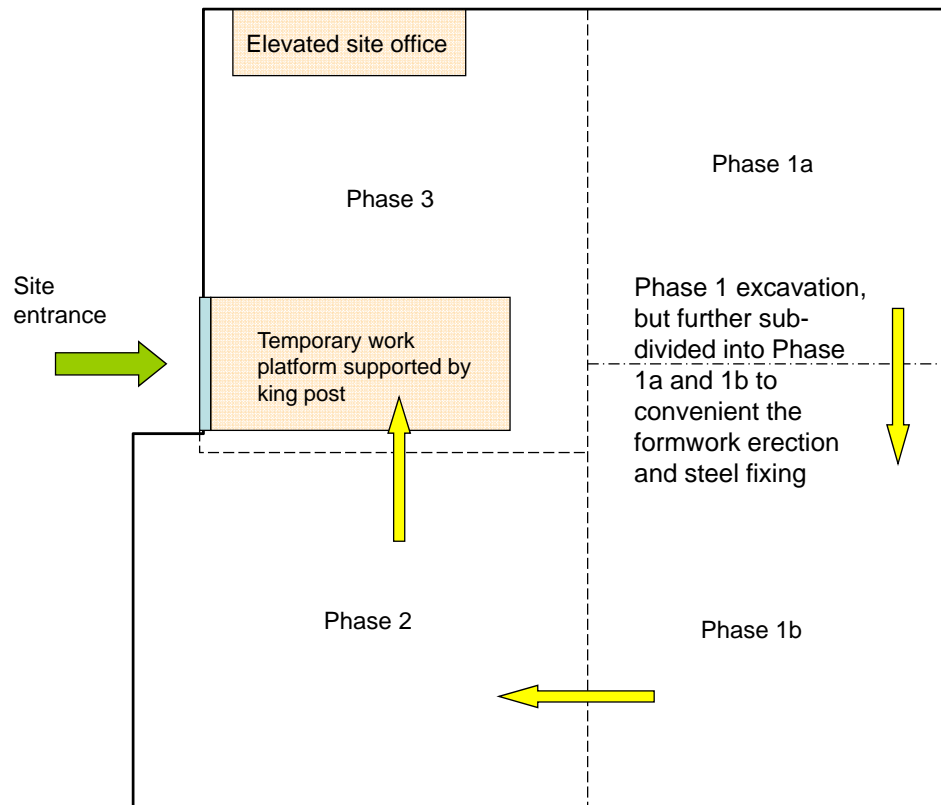
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Site after demolition in 2009

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Phasing arrangement for the sub-structure excavation

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Excavation to form the Phase 1 of the pile cap



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Construction jointing detail with the starter bars provided for connecting to the pile cap in phase 2 and 3



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Excavation in  
Phase 2 location



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Sub-structure in Phase 2 location after concreting



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## Excavation in Phase 3 location



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### Joining of the sections from Phase 1 to 3



Work platform will be embedded together with the Phase 3 concrete. The supporting frame will be weld-cut after concreting

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Close-up detail in the Phase 3 excavation and the soil support

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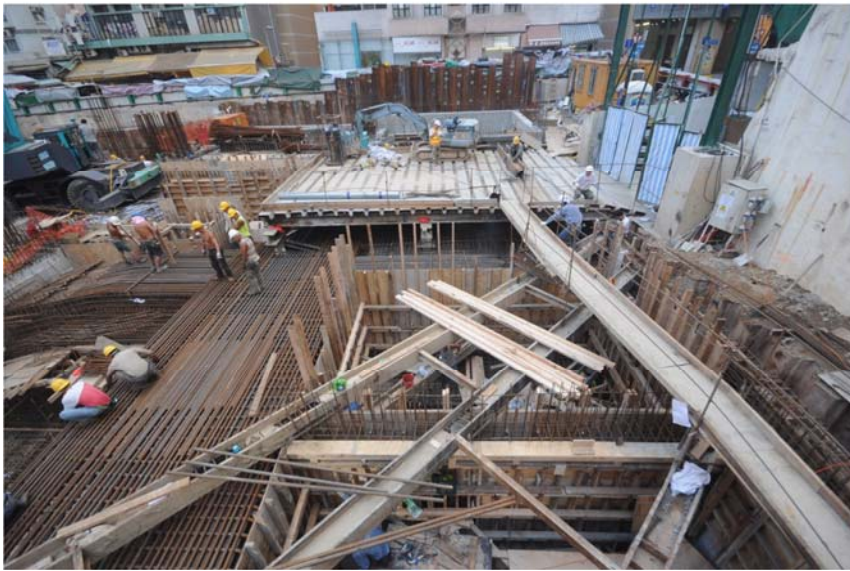


Close-up detail in the Phase 3 – steel fixing for the pile caps and ground beams

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Close-up detail in the Phase 3 – steel fixing for the pile caps and ground beams

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Phase 3 after concreting, signifying the basic completion of the entire substructure construction<sup>41</sup>



Phase 3 after concreting, formwork is ready for removal<sup>42</sup>





Connection/construction jointing detail between various phases & the future structure<sup>43</sup>



Temporary work platform will be dismantled after final clearance of site before handing over.

Completion of the sub-structure work ready for the handing over to the Main Contractor for the superstructure works<sup>44</sup>



## Sub-structure Works, Case 4

# City University Administration Building, Phase 3

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Other example for sub-structure works – City University new Administration Building



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Forming the pile cap  
for the building core

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Other example for sub-structure works – City University new Administration Building

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Ground beam details





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Site formation almost completed ready for the handling over for superstructure construction

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## Other example for sub-structure works

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Other example for sub-structure works for larger building project – MTR Tseung Kwan O Depot 54



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