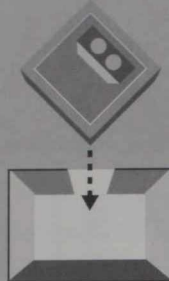
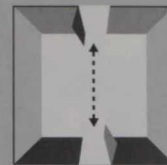


Residences situated at a crossroads are generally weaker.



Entrances or windows should not face the corner of an adjacent building.



Front entrances and the back doors should not be placed in line with each other, or else good fortune cannot be retained.

The essence of feng shui is how to locate and capture the vital cosmic breaths of nature for the siting and planning of a city, the construction of a house, and the lay-out of an office, so as to ensure health, prosperity, happiness and good fortune for the people concerned. A good site is where nature's cosmic breaths of vital energy or Ch'i converge. It is believed that these Ch'i that run along the earth's surface can be dispersed by strong winds and bound or held by the course of water. So a place of good feng shui should be guarded from strong winds, which blows away one's good fortune, and should contain water, which symbolizes wealth.

Man, like a plant, is a living thing of the earth therefore is more likely to prosper and reap the benefits of earth if its soil is fertile, likewise if man's business and/or home is situated on grounds that are harmonious with himself. The Chinese belief of feng shui is that the place makes the man!

Some general requirements of good feng shui include: an all around view, a hill to the back and hills or slopes on the side to act as support, an unobstructed front view, preferably of meandering water of which the mouth of the stretch of water should be concealed from view, and a foreground of trees or mountains in the distance and a solid foundation.

If we are to take a look at the location of Central in Hong Kong, it can be said that it is a geomantically favourable site because it meets with most of the aforesaid requirements. The Victoria Peak on the south-west acts as a support and protects Central from strong winds at the back. It is flanked on both sides by spurs and slopes, and commands a broad and open panoramic view of the whole of Kowloon peninsula in front. The water ebbs and flows along a tortuous course in the harbour, meandering from the north-west where the Pearl River comes, to the south-east to join the South China Sea. Both the inlet and the outlet are concealed behind slopes of hills on the right and the Lantau

Island, Stonecutter's Island and Tsing Yi Island on the left, thus the outflow of water, (read money), is not visible. The Lion Rock Range in the distance to the north encompasses the territory and helps to contain and collect all good influences.

However, if we are to examine the location of the Governor's house, the result is not as favourable. The house rests against the gap between the Victoria Peak and Mount Gough, thus lying at the weakest point between the two peaks and it is not supported by any one of the Peaks. This signifies that Hong Kong has to exist between two powers, China and Britain and neither one will give Hong Kong its full support. The people of Hong Kong have to depend on their own efforts for major achievements. Despite these circumstances, Hong Kong has proven it can exist and prosper between contradictions and when China takes back Hong Kong in 1997, the scheme of "One Country Two Systems" will provide the feng shui criteria for the continuing prosperity in Hong Kong.

Road pointing directly at a building like an arrow is considered a bad influence.



Do not sit facing an angular pillar or with the pillar pointing at your back.



Where the road bends, buildings embraced by the curve are good while those on the outside of the curve are cut by the bend.

