

**MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME
FOR DECLARED MONUMENTS (2007/08)**

PURPOSE

To report on the annual maintenance programme for declared monuments to be undertaken by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) in the financial year of 2007/08.

BACKGROUND

2. To ensure the proper maintenance of historical buildings, sites or structures preserved under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance, the AMO carries out maintenance works to the monuments under an annual maintenance programme. The privately-owned monuments are maintained by the AMO while government-owned monuments, which are in use by different departments, are maintained by the respective departments and their works agents.

3. The AMO has embarked on an inspection programme for declared monuments. With the inspection results obtained and urgent requirements arising from the monuments, the AMO will draw up the annual maintenance programme according to a set of criteria. The criteria listed below and agreed by the Antiquities and Advisory Board in 2003 will be used for setting priority for the annual maintenance programme:

- (a) Urgency (e.g. public safety);
- (b) Physical condition of the building;
- (c) Promotion of heritage tourism (e.g. historic buildings along heritage trail)
- (d) Enhancement of heritage awareness amongst local residents; and
- (e) Cost of the work.

4. A list showing the maintenance works undertaken by the AMO in the financial year of 2006/07 is at **Annex A** for Members' information.

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5. The AMO has drawn up the annual maintenance programme for the financial

year of 2007/08 at **Annex B** for Members' reference. The scope of works proposed is based on the necessary conservation and maintenance requirements identified through inspections. The proposed annual maintenance programme is subject to review taking into account new and urgent requirements and the availability of funds. In 2007/08, the AMO is allocated \$1.918 million under the Restoration of Monuments Block Vote.

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