

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

GRADING OF QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, HONG KONG

PURPOSE

To seek Members' advice on the grading of Queen's Pier (皇后碼頭) in Central, Hong Kong having regard to its heritage significance.

BACKGROUND

2. In 2001, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) commissioned a heritage consultant to carry out a survey of historic buildings and structures within the project area of the Central Reclamation Phase III to examine the heritage impacts on the Star Ferry Pier, the Queen's Pier and the City Hall brought about by the reclamation project. A copy of the Survey Report is at **Annex A** for Members' reference. At its meeting of 13 March 2002, the Board did not raise objection to the demolition of the Star Ferry Pier and the Queen's Pier as necessitated by the reclamation works. The Board re-visited the issue on 12 December 2006 and re-affirmed the Board's previous view in 2002. The Board also asked the Government to preserve the significant relics of the Clock Tower and the Queen's Pier and consider reconstructing them in the new harbourfront.

3. At the last meeting on 6 March 2007, the Board discussed the submissions on the preservation of Queen's Pier by the various concern groups. The Board agreed to review the heritage value of the Queen's Pier and assess whether it should be graded as a historic building. The AMO was asked to conduct a comprehensive historic and heritage study of the Queen's Pier for the Board's consideration.

4. In connection with the reclamation works and the preservation of the Queen's Pier, the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and the Civil Engineering and Development Department have been assessing the technical feasibility of different preservation options with the engagement of professional bodies and are in the process of consulting the public on the options.

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE QUEEN'S PIER

5. The AMO has completed the heritage study of the Queen's Pier, which is at **Annex B** for Members' information. A heritage assessment, location plan and

photographs of the Queen's Pier are at Annexes C and E.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are requested to complete the Grading Form at Annex F and advise on the grading of Queen's Pier. A set of explanatory notes on the assessment criteria is also appended to the Grading Form for Members' reference. The Grading Form has recently been revised by incorporating the new assessment criteria currently used by the Expert Panel in assessing the heritage value of selected 1,440 buildings.

7. As Members are aware, the three-tier grading system (Grade I, II and III) is only an administrative mechanism to assess the heritage value of historic buildings or sites, which seeks to provide reference to the Board in selecting buildings to be declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53).

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