

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

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

To inform Members of the progress of activities of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) since the last Board meeting of 6 March 2007.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Chik Kwai Study Hall, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (元朗八鄉植桂書室)

2. The progress of the declaration of Chik Kwai Study Hall, Pat Heung, Yuen Long was reported at the last Board meeting. Formal declaration in accordance with the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance has been arranged by notice of gazette on 4 May 2007. Copies of the press release and the notice of declaration together with the statutory plan are at **Annex A**.

Declaration of Proposed Monument at 128 Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong

3. The situation of the intended declaration of a private residence and its garden at 128 Pok Fu Lam Road as a Proposed Monument under section 2A of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance was reported at the last meeting on 6 March 2007 and the Special Meeting on 20 April 2007. The Authorized Person of the owner submitted to the Buildings Department a consent application for commencement of demolition works on 29 March 2007. In view of the imminent threat of demolition, the Antiquities Authority declared the building together with its garden and the access road from Pok Fu Lam Road as a Proposed Monument by notice in the gazette on 20 April 2007. The declaration will have effect for 12 months. By doing so, the owner's development right would be suspended for 12 months, during which the case could be further considered in detail and efforts could be made to negotiate with the owner to work out a plan to preserve the building. Copies of the press release and the notice of declaration together with the statutory plan are at **Annex B**.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

4. Updates to some major development projects in relation to the preservation of

historic buildings and structures are detailed as follows:

(i) Former Police Married Quarters Site at Hollywood Road

At the last meeting on 6 March 2007, the Board revisited the case and asked the AMO to carry out further historical research and site investigation for a review on the heritage value of the site. The field investigation at the site commenced on 19 March 2007 and is expected to be completed in mid June. A detailed study report would be presented to the Board after completion of the fieldwork.

(ii) Queen's Pier in Central

The Board discussed the submissions on the preservation of Queen's Pier by various concern groups at the last meeting of 6 March 2007. The Board agreed to review the heritage value of the Queen's Pier and assess whether it should be graded as a historic structure. A separate paper (AAB/16/2007-08) is submitted at this meeting for Members' discussion.

(iii) Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

At the meeting of 27 March 2006, Members were briefed by the University on the project as well as the proposed preservation approach to the three graded buildings, i.e. in-situ preservation of the Senior Staff Quarters (Grade II), the Workmen's Quarters (Grade III) for adaptive re-use, and preservation of the Treatment Works Building (Grade III) through site interpretation. As informed by the University on 26 March 2007, the Treatment Works Building is to be retained and excluded from the future HKU Extension Area.

(iv) Old Stanley Police Station, Hong Kong

The existing 5-year tenancy of Old Stanley Police Station, a declared monument, will expire in July 2007. The Government Property Agency (GPA) is currently arranging to conduct tendering for a new lease in May. HAB and AMO are closely monitoring the future use of the Old Stanley Police Station and have provided GPA with requirements to ensure that the monument building would be properly conserved, maintained and managed by the new tenant. AMO has also prepared a set of conservation requirements under section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance for incorporation into the tender document.

5. The latest development of other major projects being handled by the AMO is detailed at Annex C.

Restoration and Maintenance Programme

6. The progress of the restoration and maintenance projects being handled by the AMO is detailed at **Annex D**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

7. The progress of archaeological projects conducted by the AMO between March and April 2007 is summarized at **Annex E**.

Appointment of Resident Archaeologist

8. To promote the cultural exchange on archaeological research in Greater Pearl River Delta area, the AMO has launched the Visiting Research Fellow (VRF) programme since November 2004. Prof. Liu Chengji (劉成基) of the Guangdong Provincial Institute of Archaeology and Relics (廣東省文物考古研究所) was the first VRF working in Hong Kong in 2005. Recently, Prof. Quan Hong (全洪) of the Institute of Guangzhou Cultural Relics and Archaeology (廣州市文物考古研究所) was invited to be the second VRF from April 2007 to March 2008 to participate in AMO's archaeological research projects. Prof. Quan's CV is at **Annex F**.

Excavation Licences

9. On Members' recommendation, licences were granted to:
- (a) (a) Mr. Wang Wenjian to conduct archaeological monitoring investigation for Drainage Improvement Works in Nam Wa Po, Tai Po and Construction of Drainage Channel in Ping Kong, Sheung Shui; and
 - (b) Ms. Liu Mao to conduct archaeological survey for North District Sewerage Stage 2 Phase 1.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

10. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organized between February 2007 and March 2007 are at **Annex G**.

Exhibition

11. An exhibition on Tamar Development (添馬艦發展設計方案展覽) is held at the Thematic Exhibition Gallery of the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) from 28 April 2007 to 27 May 2007. Another exhibition on the Daodejing and Taoist Cultural Heritage (大道行 - 《道德經》展覽) is organized by the Taoist Culture and

Information Centre at the Permanent Exhibition Gallery of the HDC with venue support by LCSD from 27 April 2007 to 9 May 2007.

12. The AMO will continue to arrange a number of special exhibitions on local heritage at the HDC in collaboration with non-government organizations.

Educational Programmes

Heritage Tours

13. A summary of the heritage tours conducted between February and March 2007 is provided below:

Applicants	No. of Tours	No. of Participants
Schools	45	1499
Non-profit making organizations	7	220
Government Department	2	61
Members of the public	31	3341
Total:	85	5121

14. A total of 85 tours were conducted by 22 docents from February to March 2007. The details are as follows:

Destinations	No. of Tours	No. of Participants
Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail	6	165
Ping Shan Heritage Trail	29	1039
Central and Western Heritage Trail	18	532
Sheung Yiu Folk Museum and Kiln Site	16	1864
Tai Fu Tai Mansion	15	1477
Others	1	44
Total:	85	5121

15. On-site docent services at Tai Fu Tai Mansion (TFT) and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum were provided to the public. New docent services for schools and the public at the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery will commence from May 2007 onwards.

Lectures and Seminars

16. Five public lectures on built heritage were held at HDC from February to March 2007.

Workshops

17. Two "Archaeologists talking Archaeology" workshops, two "Searching for Monuments" workshops, one "Sketch of Monument" workshop and one guided tour at HDC were organized for schools in conjunction with the School Culture Day Scheme 2006/07 for 5 primary schools and 1 Special School from February to March 2007.

Family Programme

18. To better enhance HDC as an activity learning center for the public, Friends of Heritage (FOH) performed as tutor to conduct workshops with teaching aids such as games, pictures and real finds. A series of Sunday family workshops on “Let’s Guess, Learning Archaeology” and “Treasure Hunt at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre” were held from February to March 2007.

Special Programmes/ Other Activities

Friends of Heritage (FOH) (文物之友)

19. A guided visit to Dr. Sun Yat-sen Museum was arranged for the FOHs in February 2007. Regarding voluntary services, some editorial team members and the website team have been assisting AMO to prepare articles for the AMO’s Newsletter and updating the website. Other FOHs were recruited as volunteers and docents for the opening of the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery in April 2007.

Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH) (青少年文物之友)

20. Young Friends of Heritage and their teachers from CCC Kei Yuen College and Pak Kau College have completed the production of an exhibition at the Community Heritage Gallery of the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery. They will perform as docents at the Gallery to introduce the exhibition to the visitors on holidays. In addition, AMO has also invited YFOHs from other participating schools to produce exhibition to be staged at the Gallery.

Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery Cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre

21. The Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre in Yuen Long was officially open on 14 April 2007. The Centre, converted from the Old Ping Shan Police Station, introduces local folk culture and heritage along the Trail. Two schools which have joined the YFOH scheme also present thematic exhibitions on the history and culture of the New Territories at the Centre.

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