

Development Proposals/Cases Related to Preservation of Historic Buildings

Hong Kong Island

	Development Project/Case	Built Heritage to be affected	Background & Current Progress
1.	Adaptive Re-use of the Former Central Police Station Compound (CPS Compound)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The CPS Compound comprises the Central Police Station, Former Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison and has been declared as a monument since 1995. There are a number of Victoria-style buildings within the site. ● The CPS Compound is now under the management of the Lands Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Further to the condition survey on the historic buildings in early 2007, the Arch SD is now carrying out essential repairs to the historic buildings within the site. It is expected that the essential repair works will be completed by end of December this year. ● The Hong Kong Jockey Club has put forward a proposal to revitalize the Compound. Details of the proposal will be presented at the meeting.
2.	Former Police Married Quarters Site at Hollywood Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The former Central School moved from Gough Street to the site at Hollywood Road in 1889. In 1950 the School moved to Causeway Bay. The school building at Hollywood Road was demolished and a police married quarters was constructed at the site in the early 1950s. ● However, the original retaining walls of the school building along Shing Wong Street and Hollywood Road, together with the trees on them and a few other remaining features of the Central School including the granite steps are still reasonable preserved.there. ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A paper was prepared by AMO and tabled for AAB's information and discussion at the meeting of 29 November 2005. ● As requested by AAB, more information on the history of the Former Central School, the feasibility of restoring the original boundary walls and the proposed provision of community facilities required under the Special Conditions of the Land Sale was provided by AMO for Members' consideration at the meeting of 24 January 2006. ● AAB was consulted on 27 March 2006 again for the preservation of historic relics at the site. Preservation requirements were recommended by AAB and were forwarded to Planning Department for preparing the Planning Brief (PB). ● In late January 2007, Plan D received an application for re-zoning the site from "R(A)" to "G/IC" and "Open Space" from the public. The application documents were made available for public inspection

			<p>during 2-23 February 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the meeting on 6 March 2007, AMO agreed to carry out an archaeological investigation for a review of the heritage value of the site. ● The AMO's Field Archaeological Unit has conducted the investigation and a full report on the findings will be presented at the meeting.
3.	Urban Renewal Project at Johnston Road (H16)	<p>Shophouse at 18 Ship Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The building was constructed in 1926 and accorded a Grade II status in 2000. <p>Shophouses at 60 to 66 Johnston Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Probably built in the 1930s, the shophouses are four-storey structures characterized by the verandah on each floor of the building over the pavement supported by columns. ● Shophouse at 66 Johnston Road, which previously housed the Wo Cheung Pawnshop (和昌大押), is of particular interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) is redeveloping the site of Johnston Road and Ship Street for residential/ commercial use. ● A wholly owned subsidiary of K. Wah International Holdings Ltd., Union Profits Ltd. was awarded the joint development contract for the Johnston Road project. ● On 4 March 2005, the Town Planning Board (TPB) approved the revised Master Layout Plan (MLP) and the application with conditions. ● URA presented the "Wan Chai Master Thinking" at the AAB meeting on 29 November 2005. ● AMO is working closely with the URA to ensure that the shophouses will be conserved for adaptive reuses. Conservation works to the preserved shophouses are about to complete.
4.	Urban Renewal Project at Lee Tung Street/McGregor Street (H15)	<p>Shophouses at Nos. 186, 188 and 190 Queen's Road East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Probably built in the mid-1930s, the shophouses are four-storey structures characterized by the verandah on each floor of the building over the pavement supported by columns. ● The buildings were accorded a Grade II status in 2000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● URA will redevelop the site of Lee Tung Street and McGregor Street for commercial and residential use with GIC facilities and public open space. ● Shophouses at 186-190 Queen's Road East will be conserved for adaptive re-use. ● It is proposed that the intrinsic streetscape value of Lee Tung Street be preserved by maintaining the height, scale and style of the shophouse in the future

		<p>Shophouse at No. 6 Amoy Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Built in 1948, the shophouse was recorded of historic interest. 	<p>building design at street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heritage study of the H15 Development Scheme was finalized in August 2004. ● The finalized cartographic and photographic recording for Nos. 186-190 Queen's Road East and No. 6 Amoy Street was completed. ● URA presented the implementation progress of "Wan Chai Master Thinking" and the preparation of the Lee Tung Street Project Master Layout Plan at the AAB meeting on 12 December 2006. ● TPB at its meeting of 22 May 2007 approved the MLP submitted by URA with conditions including "the submission of a conservation plan for the buildings to be preserved within the site to the satisfaction of the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services or of the TPB". ● AMO has recently conducted a research and survey of the steps at Amoy Street and its assessment is that the steps are not of historical value as they have not been there for a long time..
5.	King Yin Lei at 45 Stubbs Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 2-storey building built in 1937. ● A rare surviving example of Chinese Renaissance style in early colonial period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The building sold on 20 September 2007 was facing an immediate threat of being damaged as the new owner has carried out removal works on the building. ● Having consulted AAB at a special meeting on 14 September 2007, the building was declared a Proposed Monument on 15 September 2007. ● A task force comprising local and Mainland conservation experts is currently conducting a research to assess the building's condition and the feasibility of restoration ● An assessment report together with a restoration plan would be available in a month or two.

6.	Jessville at 128 Pok Fu Lam Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A rare surviving example of European-style mansions in the Southern District built in around 1931. ● The building is of Italian Renaissance architectural style with interesting Art Deco variations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The building was declared as a Proposed Monument on 20 April 2007. ● Discussion with the owner on preservation and development options is in progress.
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7.	Heritage Tourism Project at the Former Marine Police Headquarters (FMPHQ) Compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The former Marine Police Headquarters, constructed in 1884, comprises a main building, a stable block and signal tower (commonly known as Round House). ● The compound has been occupied by the Marine Police since its establishment until 1997, except during the Japanese Occupation (1941-1945) when it was used as a base by the Japanese navy. ● The compound together with the buildings was declared a monument in 1994. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The site is being developed into a heritage hotel with food and beverage outlets, and retail facilities under the existing platform of the site. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2008. ● Since the award of tender to the Developer in 2003, more than 10 permits have been issued for undertaking site and building works including piling, site formation, tree work, ground investigation work, installation of hoarding and structural monitoring instruments, demolition of non-historic later additions. ● AMO is now processing 11 applications for restoration and structural strengthening works to the historic buildings Compound and monitoring 15 kinds of repair and maintenance works to the Headquarters Block.
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