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**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 on 16 April 2008.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon Tong

2. With the Chief Executive's approval for the intended declaration, a notice was published in the Gazette on 16 May 2008 to declare the School building as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (A&M Ordinance). On 17 May 2008, Maryknoll Convent School held a ceremony to celebrate its 71st Anniversary and the monument declaration.

Declaration of King Yin Lei (景賢里) at 45 Stubbs Road

3. Members supported the declaration of King Yin Lei as a monument at the Board meeting on 25 January 2008. A notice under section 4 of the A&M Ordinance was served to the owner and fixed to the site on 29 April 2008. No objection against the intended declaration was received within one month after the above date. CE's approval for the intended declaration is being sought.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

4. The progress of two major restoration projects being handled by the AMO is detailed as follows:

- (i) Restoration of Chik Kwai Study Hall (植桂書室), Sheung Tsuen, Pat Heung

Chik Kwai Study Hall was declared as a monument in May 2007 and funding has been secured to conduct a full restoration. A tender exercise for the restoration is being arranged by ArchSD. It is

anticipated that the works will start in July 2008 for completion in mid 2009.

(ii) Restoration of King Yin Lei at 45 Stubbs Road

Full restoration of the mansion is now being arranged by the owner with AMO's professional advice and support. To facilitate the restoration work, AMO has commissioned Guangzhou University with Prof. Tang as the project director to prepare specifications and drawings for the restoration. Restoration works will commence in August 2008. The whole restoration project is anticipated to complete by the end of 2010.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

5. The progress of archaeological projects conducted by the AMO from April to June 2008 is summarized at **Annex A**.

Excavation Licence

6. On Members' recommendation, the following licences were granted from April to June 2008:

- (a) Ms. Ellen Cameron to conduct Archaeological Impact Assessment for Kai Tak Development;
- (b) Dr. Christopher Day to conduct Archaeological Survey for Residential Development in Lau Fau Shan;
- (c) Ms. Liu Mao to conduct Archaeological Monitoring at Upper Lam Tsuen River and She Shan River;
- (d) Mr. Wang Wenjian to conduct Archaeological Survey at Cheung Shue Tan, Tai Po;
- (e) Ms. Ellen Cameron to conduct Archaeological Survey for Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift.

7. Progress of the projects with archaeological licenses is summarized at **Annex B**.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organized by AMO between March and April 2008 are at **Annex C**.

Educational Programmes

Heritage Tours

9. The AMO arranged a total of 127 guided tours at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) and the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 4,248 from March to April 2008. Details are at **Annex D**.

Lectures and Workshops

10. Six lectures were held from March to April 2008. In addition, 14 workshops were specially organized for schools with a total of 404 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex E**.

Friends of Heritage (FOH) and Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH)

11. A guided tour to Dr. Sun Yat-sen Museum was organized for YFOHs on 22 March 2008 and a guided tour to Cattle Depot Artist Village was arranged for FOHs on 27 April 2008. Recruitment of 2008 YFOH has commenced and it is planned to recruit 40 YFOHs this year. Intensive training including workshops and guided tours will be provided to the new YFOHs in August 2008.

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