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

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

To inform Members of the progress of major heritage issues and activities of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) since the last Board meeting on 26 June 2008.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

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

2. With the Chief Executive's approval, a notice was published in the Gazette on 11 July 2008 to declare King Yin Lei as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

3. The latest position of the preservation of historic buildings and structures that the Board has discussed before is set out at Annex A.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

4. The progress of the restoration and maintenance projects being handled by the AMO is detailed at Annex B.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

5. The progress of archaeological projects conducted by the AMO from July to August 2008 is summarized at Annex C.

Excavation Licence

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

- (a) Ms. Ellen Cameron to conduct Archaeological Watching Brief and Rescue Excavation for Yung Shue Wan and Sok Kwu Wan Village Sewerage Stage 1 Works;
- (b) Ms. LIU Mao to conduct Archaeological Survey at Sha Pa, Tai Po;
- (c) Ms. Ellen Cameron to conduct Archaeological Investigation for the Proposed Residential Development at Various Lots in DD206, Wu Kai Sha, Ma On Shan (licence renewal);
- (d) Dr. Jin Zhiwei to conduct Archaeological Investigation for the Planning and Engineering Study of Private Housing Development at Cheung Sha, Lantau - Feasibility Study;
- (e) Mr. Ng Wai-hung to conduct Archaeological Investigation for Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.

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

Discovery of two stone adzes at Tso Wan (草灣), North Lantau

8. In mid July 2008, the AMO received a report from Tsuen Wan District Office on the discovery of two artefacts at Tso Wan, North Lantau. The AMO's site inspection on 18 July 2008 confirmed that the artifacts were two prehistoric stone adzes, probably collected from riverside. No stable archaeological deposit could be identified, same as the finding of the Second Territory-wide Survey conducted in the area in 1997. These two stone adzes have been collected from the Tsuen Wan District Office and accessioned.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

9. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organized by AMO between May and August 2008 are at **Annex E.**

Educational Programmes

Heritage Tours

10. The AMO arranged a total of 203 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 6,304 from May to August 2008. Details are at **Annex F.**

Lectures and Workshops

11. Thirteen lectures were held from May to August 2008. In addition, 35 workshops were specially organized for schools with a total of 943 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

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

12. A Docent Refreshment Training Day was arranged for FOHs on 14 June. Guided tour to Tai Fu Tai Mansion and Kowloon Walled City Park were also organized for them on 22 June and 26 July respectively.

13. After a recruitment exercise conducted in mid July, a total of 47 new YFOHs have been appointed. Training programmes for them including workshops and lectures have started.

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