

Progress of Archaeological Projects conducted by AMO between February and April 2009

Item	Site	Project Duration	Development	Background	Project Director	Result
1.	So Kwun Wat Archaeological Site in Tuen Mun (屯門掃管笏考古遺址)	Rescue excavation from Nov 2008 to Jun 2009	Two new schools	<p>The site was recorded as early as the 1920s. Its significance was further substantiated in subsequent investigation over the past decades.</p> <p>Two new schools will be built on the site. A rescue excavation as reported to the Antiquities Advisory Board vide Committee Paper AAB(A)/13/2003-04 is necessary. Funding for the school project including the rescue excavation was approved in July 2008. At the invitation of AMO, the Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Science (IACASS, 中國社會科學院考古研究所) is helping to conduct the rescue excavation.</p>	Field Archaeology Unit of AMO	The excavation commenced in late November 2008 and is anticipated to complete in June 2009. Findings will be reported to Members in due course.

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2.	Former Mountain Lodge (前總督山頂別墅)	Archaeological investigation from mid Nov 2008 to Mar 2009	N/A	Findings of the archaeological survey conducted in 2007 were reported to Members vide Board paper AAB/9/2007-08 and AAB/53/2007-08. Further investigation has been arranged to ascertain the extent of the remains.	Field Archaeology Unit of AMO	Fieldwork has been completed. The survey report will be available in June 2009. Consultancy study on site interpretation has commenced and will be completed in July 2009.
3.	Chi Ma Wan Prison Area, Lantau Island (大嶼山芝麻灣監獄)	Further Archaeological Survey from mid Feb to Mar 2009	Redevelopment of Prison	A number of archaeological sites, namely Cheung Sha Wan Archaeological Site, Tung Kok Archaeological Site are situated along the coastal area of Chi Ma Wan Peninsula, where abundant cultural remains were unearthed. To explore the archaeological potential of the prison area, an archaeological survey was conducted in July 2008. Pottery sherds of Bronze Age and Tang dynasty were discovered in the disturbed layers of two test pits. Further survey has been arranged to acquire more archaeological data.	Field Archaeology Unit of AMO	Fieldwork of the further survey has been completed. Pottery sherds and kiln furniture of Tang dynasty were found. The survey report is being prepared and will be available in June 2009.