Progress of Archaeological Projects conducted by AMO between May and August 2009

Item	Site	Project Duration	Development	Background	Project Director	Result
1.	Siu Hang Tsuen, Tuen Mun (屯門小坑村)	Archaeological Survey in late June 2009 (a week)	Small House Development	The site was first recorded by the Second Territory-wide Survey in 1997. Ceramic sherds of Song and Ming periods were unearthed by another survey in 2000.	Archaeology	No cultural remains were recovered from test pits of the proposed small house site.
2.	Ho Chung, Sai Kung (西貢蠔涌)	Archaeological Survey in late July 2009 (a week)	Small House Development	The site was first discovered by the Second Territory-wide Survey in 1997. Prehistoric pottery sherds and stone objects were yielded in 1999 and 2001.		No cultural remains were recovered from test pits of the proposed small house site.
3.	Former Mountain Lodge (前總督山頂別墅)	Archaeological investigation from mid November 2008 to March 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 conducted to ascertain the extent of the remains.		The archaeological report will be available in September 2009. Consultancy study on site interpretation has commenced and will be completed in October 2009.

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4.	So Kwun Wat Archaeological Site in Tuen Mun (屯門掃管笏考古遺址)	Rescue excavation from November 2008 to July 2009	Two new schools	The site was recorded as early as the 1920s. Its significance was further substantiated in subsequent investigation over the past decades. Two new schools will be built on the site. A rescue excavation as reported to the AAB 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 (中國社會科學院考古研究所) has helped to conduct the rescue excavation.		The excavation was completed in late July 2009. Stone tools, ceramics, bronzes of prehistoric period and about 60 burials of Ming and Qing dynasties were yielded in the excavation. Post excavation works including further analysis of the archaeological data will be conducted with the help of the Institute of Archaeology