

**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 21 May 2009.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Pre-war Waterworks Structures

2. Declaration of the 41 historic waterworks structures scattering over six pre-war reservoirs in Hong Kong, namely Pok Fu Lam Reservoir, Tai Tam Group of Reservoirs, Wong Nai Chung Reservoir, Kowloon Reservoir, Aberdeen Reservoir and Shing Mun (Jubilee) Reservoir, was recommended by the Board in its meeting on 21 May 2009. Circulation of the intended declaration among various departments has been arranged and no adverse comment has been received. The notice and plan under section 4 of the A&M Ordinance have been served on the lessee of the Senior Staff Quarters of Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station, one of the 41 items currently leased out by the GPA as a private residence, and fixed to the site on 2 July 2009. No objection to the intended declaration has been received within one month after the notice serving date. The Chief Executive has given approval for the intended declaration and the gazettal is being arranged.

Declaration of Residence of IP Ting-sz (葉定仕古居) and Yan Tung Kong Study Hall (仁敦岡書室)

3. With owners' consent recently given, the intended declaration of the Residence and Study Hall has been circulated among various departments and no adverse comment has been received. The notice and plan under section 4 of the A&M Ordinance have been served on the respective owners and fixed to the sites on 8 & 12 June 2009 respectively. No objection to the intended declaration of the two historic buildings has been received within one month after the notice serving dates. The Chief Executive has given approval for the intended declaration and the gazettal is being

arranged.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

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

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

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

Assessment of 1,444 Historic Buildings

6. Members of the public were invited to give comments on the proposed gradings of the 1444 historic buildings. By the conclusion of the public consultation on 31 July 2009, 361 public submissions have been received. Details are provided in a separate paper AAB/23/2009-10.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

7. The progress of archaeological projects conducted by the AMO from May to August 2009 is summarized at **Annex C**.

Excavation Licences

8. On Members' recommendation, the following licences were granted from May to August 2009:

- (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 watching brief for Tolo Harbour Village Sewerage Stage 1 - Remaining Works;
- (c) Dr William Jeffery to conduct marine archaeological investigation at Eastern Waters of Hong Kong;
- (d) Dr Michael Atha to conduct archaeological survey for Land Use Planning for the Closed Area.

9. Progress of the projects with archaeological licences is summarized at **Annex D**.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

10. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organized by AMO between May and July 2009 are at **Annex E**.

Educational Programmes

Exhibition

11. The exhibition “Keys to the Past – Artefacts and Records” jointly organized by AMO and the Hong Kong Archaeological Society was opened on 13 August and will be on show until 26 September 2009.

Heritage Tours

12. The AMO arranged a total of 175 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 5,746 from May to July 2009. Details are at **Annex F**.

Lectures and Workshops

13. Ten lectures were held from May to July 2009. In addition, 11 workshops were specially organized for schools with a total of 336 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

Friends of Heritage (FOH)

14. Programmes for training new FOH to become docents were arranged from May to July 2009. 82 FOH have received the training. They will help conduct guided tours at the Heritage Discovery Centre and various Heritage Trails

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