

**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 9 September 2009.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

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 gazetted on 18 September 2009. Declaration of another two historic buildings i.e. Residence of Ip Ting-sz (葉定仕故居) and Yan Tun Kong Study Hall (仁敦岡書室) was gazetted on 6 November 2009.

**Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. 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**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 August to November 2009 is summarized at Annex C.

## **Excavation Licences**

6. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted from August to November 2009:

- (a) Mr. Ng Wai Hung to conduct archaeological survey for Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun;
- (b) Dr. Jin Zhiwei to conduct archaeological survey-cum-excavation for the Ma On Shan Development- Roads, Drainage and Sewerage Works at Whitehead and Lok Wo Sha Phase 1;
- (c) Ms. Sarah Heaver to conduct marine archaeological investigation in Junk Bay for Cross Bay Link and Tseung Kwan O-Lam Tin Tunnel Projects;
- (d) Mr. Wang Wenjian to conduct archaeological survey in Northern Kam Tin, Yuen Long;
- (e) Mr. Ng Wai Hung to conduct archaeological survey-cum-excavation for Kai Tak Development;
- (f) Dr. Jin Zhiwei to conduct archaeological survey-cum-excavation for Sewerage Interception Scheme in Kowloon City;
- (g) Ms. Sarah Heaver to conduct marine archaeological investigation for Central Kowloon Route;
- (h) Mr. Wang Fei to conduct archaeological investigation for the proposed residential development at various lots in D.D. 106, Kong Ha Wai, Kam Tin, Yuen Long;
- (i) Dr. Michael Atha to conduct archaeological watching brief for West Island Line.

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

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY**

### **Statistics**

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organized by AMO between August and November 2009 are at **Annex E**.

### **Educational Programmes**

#### **Exhibition**

9. The exhibition "Keys to the Past – Artefacts and Records" jointly organized by AMO and the Hong Kong Archaeological Society was staged at Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) from 13 August 2009 until 26 September 2009.

10. The “Faces and Places - Heritage Photo Exhibition” organised jointly by the Commissioner for Heritage Office (CHO) and the Royal Asiatic Society was mounted at the Central Police Station Compound and HDC consecutively from September to November 2009. The exhibition features some 150 historical photos of Royal Asiatic Society on the themes of buildings and streets, people and community in Wanchai, and Central and Western District.

11. The “Heritage Alive: UNESCO Culture Heritage Awards” exhibition organised jointly by UNESCO Bangkok Office, Architectural Conservation Programme (ACP) of HKU, CHO and AMO is being staged at HDC until 17 February 2010. The exhibition introduces all the winning projects of Hong Kong in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Culture Heritage Awards over the years.

#### Heritage Tours

12. The AMO arranged a total of 296 guided tours at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC and the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of about 10,067 from August to November 2009. Details are at **Annex F**.

13. CHO also organised guided tours at the Tai Tam Waterworks Heritage Trail to promote among young people appreciation of the newly-declared monuments and the history of Hong Kong's water supply. The guided tours were held on Saturday mornings between mid-October and mid-December. These activities were launched following the monument declaration of 41 waterworks structures across the territory, half of which located along the Tai Tam trail.

14. Some of the structures open to the tour groups, such as the Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station and its Chimney Shaft, are usually not accessible to the public. The Tai Tam tours aimed at increasing the knowledge and understanding of heritage conservation among youths. The tours were open to youths between 12-18 years of age.

15. A series of guided cultural walking tours in West Kowloon will be organised by CHO from mid December 2009 to early March 2010 to promote among young people and the general public better understanding of the local architecture, culture and life style in West Kowloon. These guided tours, to be conducted every Saturday afternoon, comprise Architecture Tours and Old Shop Tours, with the former guiding participants to roam around West Kowloon to appreciate old buildings, and the latter to visit shops in Shanghai Street that are still operating the traditional Chinese businesses.

#### Lectures and Workshops

16. Sixteen lectures were held from August to November 2009. In addition, 22 workshops were specially organized for schools and public with a total of about 712 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH)

17. Programmes for docent training were completed. 58 FOH members have become docents after passing the practical and written examination. They will help conduct guided tours at HDC and various Heritage Trails.

Initiatives for 2010

18. For the coming year, CHO hopes to focus on community outreach in its public education programmes. Following the success of the guided tours to historic buildings, more activities of similar kinds will be organised.

19. CHO and AMO are also jointly developing a teaching kit for general studies of the new senior secondary curriculum on heritage conservation. The kit is expected to be launched before the start of the next school year in September 2010.

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