

**Progress of Archaeological Projects between August and November 2010 (Progress as at 30 November 2010)**

Item	Project	Background	Progress/Result
1.	Archaeological investigation at Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun (屯門龍鼓灘) in mid August 2010	Archaeological potential of Lung Kwu Tan was studied by the First and Second Territory-wide Surveys. Abundant prehistoric cultural remains were recovered by various rescue operations since 1990s.	AMO's fieldwork yielded sparse coarse wares from the proposed village small house site. The artefacts collected have been placed in AMO's Repository for research and display on suitable occasions.
2.	Archaeological investigation at Sheung Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (元朗八鄉上村) in early October 2010	The Sheung Tsuen site was first reported by a survey in 1999. Cultural remains such as celadon sherds, brown glazed ceramic sherds and tile fragments of Song Dynasty were yielded at the area adjacent to the Pat Heung Temple.	No significant cultural remains were recovered from test pits of the proposed village small house sites in the course of AMO's fieldwork.
3.	Archaeological investigation at Site 2 of Area 54, Tuen Mun Public Housing Development (屯門 54 區第 2 號地盤) from mid October to early December 2010	Some remains of Ming and Qing periods were found within the study area of Area 54 development during the Second Territory-wide Survey.	No significant cultural remain was yielded from test pits of the proposed public housing site in the course of AMO's fieldwork.
4.	Rescue excavation at Sha Ha, Sai Kung (西貢沙下) in early November 2010	The Sha Ha site was discovered in 1996 and was further investigated in 1998. Necessitated by a road project, rescue operation was conducted from 2001 to 2002 jointly with the Mainland archaeological institutes.	AMO's fieldwork retrieved abundant ceramic sherds of Song dynasty and some pottery sherds of Bronze Age from the proposed village small house sites which were situated at the edge of sandbar. The artefacts collected have been placed in AMO's Repository for research and display on suitable occasions.

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5.	Post-excavation research work between November 2010 to January 2011 for rescue excavation at So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun (屯門掃管笏)	<p>The So Kwun Wat site was recorded as early as the 1920s. Its significance was further substantiated in subsequent investigation over the past decades.</p> <p>The rescue operation was conducted between 2008 and 2009 jointly with the Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Science (IACASS, 中國社會科學院考古研究所). Findings of the excavation were reported to Members vide Annex C of Board Paper AAB/21/2009-10. The field report was published in the <i>Archaeology</i> (考古) <i>Journal</i> No.7 2010.</p>	Finds processing and preparation of a research report are underway.
6.	Rock Carving Consultancy Study (the Study)	Three overseas consultants and one local archaeologist were appointed to conduct the Study. Progress of the Study was reported to Members at the meeting held in March 2010. Subsequently, one of the overseas consultants decided to withdraw from the Study due to personal reasons. A replacement was then identified and the newly appointed consultant started the study in mid 2010, a few months later than the original schedule.	All the consultants' reports have been received and the findings are being studied by AMO and the Conservation Section of LCSD. A summary report together with the full version of all the reports received would be submitted to the Board in due course.
7.	Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 4 - Mains in New Territories by the Water Supplies Department (WSD)	An Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was arranged by WSD during the investigation stage of the project.	Since some of the proposed alignments fall within sites of archaeological interest, an archaeological watching brief as a precautionary measure would be conducted during the project's construction stage in accordance with the recommendations of the HIA.