

**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 Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of Development Bureau and the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) since August 2010.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Tang Kwong U Ancestral Hall (廣瑜鄧公祠)

2. Tang Kwong U Ancestral Hall at Kam Tin, Yuen Long was accorded a Grade 1 status in the 1,444 historic buildings assessment exercise and the grading was confirmed by the Antiquities Advisory Board (the Board) on 17 May 2010. Declaration of the Ancestral Hall as a monument was recommended by the Board as early as 1994. The Board reaffirmed the declaration recommendation on 24 June 2010. The Chief Executive's approval for the declaration was then obtained on 22 October 2010 and the declaration was published in the Gazette on 12 November 2010.

Declaration of Tung Wah Museum (東華三院文物館), Yau Ma Tei and Man Mo Temple Compound, Sheung Wan (上環文武廟)

3. Tung Wah Museum and Man Mo Temple Compound were accorded a Grade 1 status by the Board in 1992 and 1994 respectively. In the 1,444 historic buildings assessment exercise, the gradings of these buildings were confirmed Grade 1 by the Board on 18 December 2009. Declaration of the buildings as a monument was recommended by the Board on 24 June 2010. The Chief Executive's approval for the declaration was obtained on 22 October 2010. The declaration was published in the Gazette on 12 November 2010.

Declaration of Kom Tong Hall (甘棠第)

4. The Kom Tong Hall, currently used as the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, was accorded a Grade 2 status by the Board in 1994. The grading was reviewed in the current 1,444 historic buildings assessment exercise and a Grade 1 status was accorded to the building on 18 December 2009. Declaration of Kom Tong Hall was recommended by the Board on 10 March 2004 and the Board reaffirmed the recommendation on 24 June 2010. The declaration was approved by the Chief Executive and published in the Gazette on 12 November 2010 respectively.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

5. 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

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

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

7. The progress of archaeological projects from August 2010 to November 2010 is summarized at **Annex C**.

Excavation Licences

8. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted from August 2010 to November 2010 :

- (a) Mr. Wang Wenjian to conduct archaeological survey for North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study;
- (b) Mr. Ng Wai Hung to conduct archaeological investigation-cum-excavation for Express Rail Link;
- (c) Mr. Ng Wai Hung to conduct archaeological survey-cum-excavation for Residential Development at Lok Wo Sha, Ma On Shan;
- (d) Dr. Michael Atha to conduct archaeological watching brief for West Island Line (Renewal);
- (e) Dr. Christopher Allan Day to conduct archaeological impact assessment at Lots 196 and 197 s.A, Cheung Chau;
- (f) Ms. Liu Mao to conduct archaeological excavation at Luk Keng Tsuen, Lantau Island;
- (g) Ms. Sarah Heaver to conduct marine archaeological investigation for Trunk Road T2 and Infrastructure at South Apron.

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 from August 2010 to November 2010 are at **Annex E.**

Educational Programmes

Heritage Tours

11. AMO arranged 401 guided tours at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 15,341 from August 2010 to November 2010. Details are at **Annex F.**

Lectures and Workshops

12. 10 lectures were held from August 2010 to November 2010. In addition, 41 workshops were specially organised for schools and members of the public with a total of 1,629 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G.**

13. An expert lecture conducted by Mr. Michael Morrison was held on 15 September 2010 to share with the audience his experiences on conserving local and overseas historic buildings, including the Central Government Offices of Hong Kong. Recording of the lecture has been placed in the Reference Library of Heritage Discovery Centre for public access.

14. To complement with the “Building the City” exhibition, the Construction Industry Council and AMO co-organised the “Learning Traditional Architecture” workshops for schools and the public. In addition, a competition on composing the traditional wooden puzzle *Liu Tong* 2010 (六通達人大比拼 2010) was also arranged to coincide with the exhibition.

Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH)

15. On 7 November 2010, 17 YFOH who had received docent training and passed the examination helped with the guided tours for the Open Day of Government House. Their service was well received by the participants of the tours.

CHO’s Publicity and Education Activities

16. In 2010, CHO’s publicity and public education efforts focus on community outreach. A series of guided heritage tour to Central and Tsim Sha Tsui targeting

low-income families were conducted between April and August 2010. Due to popular demand, extension of the tours to Central were organised from September to November 2010. About 2,160 people (540 families) have participated in the tours.

17. Heritage tours for the disabled organised by CHO commenced in November 2010 and will run up to March 2011. Part 2 of the guided tour to the Tai Tam Heritage Trail was organised from December 2010 to April 2011. The expected number of participants is 940 and 1,200 respectively.

18. The Development Bureau took part in MIPIM (Marché International des Professionnels d'Immobilier) Asia 2010 held during 10-12 November 2010. Heritage conservation was one of the three major works areas featured at the Hong Kong Pavilion.

19. A symposium with the theme of heritage tourism was organised on 4 December 2010 with around 150 participants.

20. A roving exhibition namely "Hong Kong Heritage Tourism Expo – Access Heritage" will be organised from December 2010 to September 2011. The expected number of visitors is around 120,000.

21. CHO and AMO have commissioned the Hong Kong Institute of Education to produce a teaching kit for liberal studies of the new senior secondary curriculum on heritage conservation. The kit was launched in November 2010. It is now available from CHO's website at www.heritage.gov.hk

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