# <u>Development Proposals/Cases Related to Preservation of Historic Buildings</u> (<u>Progress as at 31 January 2011)</u>

## **Hong Kong Island**

	Development Project/Case	Built Heritage At The Site	Background & Current Progress
1.	Revitalization of the Former Central Police Station Compound (CPS Compound)	C	<ul> <li>Following extensive consultation with the public and the local arts and cultural sector, a revised design for the project was announced on 11 October 2010.</li> <li>Under the revised design, the CPS Compound will be revitalised as a centre for heritage, art and leisure, complementing the organic development of the neighbouring area as a contemporary arts zone. All 15 historic buildings in the Compound will be preserved. Two new buildings of a modest scale will be constructed, namely the Old Bailey Wing to house gallery space and the Arbuthnot Wing to house a multi-purpose venue as well as central plant. In response to the public views received, the height and the bulk of the proposed new structures have been substantially reduced and the F Hall will also be preserved. Accessibility to the compound and connectivity within the compound has been enhanced under the revised design.</li> </ul>
2.	Re-provisioning of David Trench Rehabilitation Centre to the Old Upper Levels Police Station under the West Island Line railway project	• The Old Upper Levels Police Station, commonly known as "No. 8 Police Station", built between 1934 and 1935, has been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB.	<ul> <li>Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) including a CMP has been conducted for the re-provisioning scheme. A presentation was given to AAB on 25 February 2009 and members expressed support to the proposal.</li> </ul>

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	(WIL)	<ul> <li>The building was served as the Regional Headquarters of the Hong Kong Crime Wing of the Hong Kong Police Force until 2005.</li> </ul>	• To facilitate public appreciation of the building, information on the history and photos of the building will be displayed on the boundary wall facing High Street.
3.	Proposed Conservation Project at Mallory Street/ Burrows Street	• Shophouses at 1-11 Mallory Street and 6-12 Burrows Street, probably built in the 1920s, have been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.	• The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) has worked out a conservation plan for this project. AMO has provided input to ensure proper conservation of the historic structures.
4.	Proposed Urban Renewal Project at Lee Tung Street/ McGregor Street, Wan Chai (H15)	• Shophouses at nos. 186-190 Queen's Road East, probably built in the 1930s, have been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB.	• A conservation plan for the preservation of the three historic buildings has been prepared by URA and AMO has provided comment on the excavation and lateral support plans therein and requested the structural engineer to ascertain the potential impacts to the historic buildings.
5.	Redevelopment of the Former Explosives Magazine Site by the Asia Society, Hong Kong Centre	<ul> <li>The site comprises an upper and lower platform. Three explosives stores were built on the upper platform in 1840s and 1860s.</li> <li>All buildings on the upper platform have been accorded a Grade 1 status, while GG Block on the lower platform has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repair works at Block GG, Laboratory Building, Magazine A and Magazine B have been substantially completed, while the finishes works and E&amp;M installation are still under way.</li> <li>AMO will work closely with the Asia Society to ensure that the repair works will address the conservation need of the historic buildings at the site.</li> </ul>
6.	Revitalisation of Former Police Married Quarters on Hollywood Road (PMQ)	<ul> <li>PMQ was the first police quarters built in 1951, to provide accommodation for married rank and file officers.</li> <li>It sits on the underground remains of the former Central School built in 1889, which was the first Government school to provide upper primary and</li> </ul>	• The revitalisation proposal submitted by the Musketeers Education and Culture Charitable Foundation Limited (MF) was selected through competitive selection process and approval-in-principle has been granted by DEVB to MF to create and operate a new creative industries and design landmark in Hong Kong called

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		secondary western education to the public and mark a new phase in the development of public education in Hong Kong.  The buildings at the PMQ site have been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB while the archaeological relics underground have been included in the List of Sites of Archaeological Interests.	<ul> <li>"PMQ" while the Architectural Services Department will carry out the conservation and revitalisation works.</li> <li>PMQ will provide an integrated service platform for designers and create-preneurs. In addition to conserving the three Grade 3 buildings and organizing guided tours, seminars and workshops to promote the conservation of PMQ, there will be an underground interpretation area for visitors to appreciate the underground remains of the former Central School at close range. Additional landscaped open space will also be provided.</li> <li>HIA in the form of a CMP is also under preparation by Architectural Services Department.</li> </ul>
7.	Renovation of the Fringe Club, South Block, Old Dairy Farm Depot	<ul> <li>The Hong Kong Festival Fringe Ltd (HKFF) has leased the South Block of Old Dairy Farm Depot since 1984 under a tenancy agreement with the Government Property Agency.</li> <li>The Depot has been accorded a Grade 1 status by AAB.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HIA was prepared by HKFF and was presented to AAB on 16 April 2010. Members had concerns over the removal of columns and proposed strengthening works.</li> <li>HKFF has arranged structural tests to assess whether the proposal is feasible.</li> </ul>
8.	Revitalisation of Former Clubhouse of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, No. 12 Oil Street	<ul> <li>The Former Clubhouse of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was built in 1908 and has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.</li> <li>The site has a total gross area of 900 square meters and an entire site area of 1,970 square meters.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>It is proposed to convert the site into an art space with exhibition galleries, multi-purpose activity rooms and outdoor display space for the promotion of community art. It will be managed by LCSD's Art Promotion Office.</li> <li>The proposed project aims at providing more arts programmes for the community and platforms to showcase works of students and budding artists. Regular programmes will be organised to provide more opportunities for artistic creation and to engage</li> </ul>

#### Annex A

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		<ul> <li>members of the public at community level.</li> <li>Apart from holding exhibitions, art educational activities like workshops, talks, etc, the landscaped area will also be reserved as a tranquil pleasure garden as well as for outdoor art display. All programmes will be free for public enjoyment.</li> <li>The existing facilities will be upgraded to meet the current safety and environmental standard.</li> <li>The renovation construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2011 and to be completed in early/mid 2012. The venue will aim to open to public in mid/late 2012.</li> <li>HIA is underway.</li> </ul>
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# Kowloon

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9.	Conversion of Yaumatei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre	<ul> <li>Built around 1930, the Yaumatei Theatre is the only surviving pre-war cinema premise in Kowloon. It has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.</li> <li>Also known as The Red Brick Building, the Former Pumping Station was built in 1895. It was converted into a post office and was abandoned in 1967. It has been accorded a Grade 1 status by AAB.</li> </ul>	HIA has been conducted for the conversion work. A presentation was given to AAB on 26 November 2008 and members expressed support to the proposal.
10.	Development at Diamond Hill CDA and construction of Diamond Hill Stabling Sidings of Shatin Central Link (SCL)	<ul> <li>Three old structures, namely the Old Pillbox, Former Royal Air Force Hangar and Stone House will be affected by the construction works.</li> <li>The Former Royal Air Force Hangar and the Old Pillbox have been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB while the Stone House has been confirmed to be nil grade.</li> </ul>	• The proposed depot, being part of the SCL, would clash with the two graded historic structures and the old stone house. A study on the potential impact on the historic structures in relation to the construction of SCL and the corresponding mitigation measures has been carried out by the project proponent.
11.	Revitalisation of the North Kowloon Magistracy (NKM)	<ul> <li>continuously used as a magistracy building for the Kowloon district until its closure on 3 January 2005.</li> <li>The building has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Renovation works for revitalising NKM into the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Hong Kong Campus were completed in August 2010. SCAD has started operation since September 2010.</li> </ul>
12.	Revitalisation of the Lai Chi Kok Hospital (LCKH)	The site is divided into 3 zones: upper, middle and lower zones. The building blocks at lower zone were constructed in around 1910. The site has been used as quarantine station, prison, hospital	• This cluster of historic buildings will be revitalised by the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture (HKIPCC) as the Jao Tsung-I Academy for the promotion of Chinese culture in honour of Professor Jao

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		and rehabilitation centre. LCKH has been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB.	<ul> <li>Tsung-I. HIA in the form of a CMP was presented to AAB on 27 October 2009. Members expressed support to the revitalisation proposal.</li> <li>Works commenced in January 2011 and are scheduled for phased completion in the fourth quarter of 2011 and in the fourth quarter of 2012 respectively.</li> </ul>
13.	Revitalisation of Lui Seng Chun	• Built in 1931 by Mr. Lui Leung, one of the founders of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, the building was originally used as accommodation for the Lui family on upper floors and a herbal shop selling Chinese medicine on ground floor. The building was handed over to the Government in 2003. It has been accorded a Grade 1 status by AAB.	<ul> <li>The site will be revitalised by Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) into a Chinese medicine and healthcare centre. HKBU will offer quality Chinese medical consultation services with quotas for the low-income group and the elderly at concessionary fees.</li> <li>HIA in the form of a CMP was prepared by HKBU and was presented to AAB on 2 March 2010. Members expressed support to the revitalisation proposal. Works commenced in January 2011 and are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2012.</li> </ul>
14.	Revitalisation of Mei Ho House (MHH)	MHH was one of the first eight Mark I H-shaped blocks built in 1954 by the Government for Shek Kip Mei Estate, which marked the beginning of the government public housing scheme. Redevelopment scheme of Shek Kip Mei Estate started in 2000 and MHH is the only Mark I H-shaped resettlement block remained in Hong Kong. It has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.	<ul> <li>The site will be revitalised by the Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association (HKYHA) into a youth hostel. In addition to providing accommodation, the revitalised site will also house a museum of Public Housing, and provide guided tours and workshops to promote the history of MHH and public housing in Shek Kip Mei.</li> <li>HIA in the form of a CMP was prepared by HKYHA and was presented to AAB on 2 March 2010. Members expressed support to the revitalisation proposal. Works commenced in December 2010 and are expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2012.</li> </ul>

## **New Territories and Islands**

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15.	Revitalisation of the Old Tai O Police Station	<ul> <li>The Main Building and Outhouse was constructed in 1902 with extension added in 1961-62. It has been accorded a Grade 2 status by AAB.</li> <li>The building served as a police station and then a patrol post before its closure in December 1996.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The building will be revitalised by the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Ltd (HCF) into a boutique hotel.</li> <li>HIA in the form of a CMP was prepared by HCF and presented to AAB on 15 April 2009. Members expressed support to the revitalisation proposal. Construction works commenced in March 2010 and are expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2011.</li> </ul>
16.	Revitalisation of Fong Yuen Study Hall	<ul> <li>Fong Yuen Study Hall was constructed in the 1920 to 30s. It was listed as one of the Government historic site identified by AMO. The building has been accorded a Grade 3 status by AAB.</li> <li>It is believed that the Study Hall was built as a small private school to educate the children in Ma Wan. It functioned as a subsidized school till its closure in 2003.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The building will be revitalised into a tourism and Chinese cultural centre cum Ma Wan residents museum by Social Services Department of Yuen Yuen Institute (YYI).</li> <li>HIA in the form of a CMP was prepared by YYI and presented to AAB on 21 May 2009. Members expressed support on the revitalisation proposal.</li> <li>Works are scheduled to commence in March 2011 and expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2012.</li> </ul>