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**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 December 2010.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Proposed Monument**

**Ho Tung Gardens**

2. At the special meeting on 25 January 2011, AAB confirmed the Grade 1 status of Ho Tung Gardens (HTG) and recommended declaring HTG as a proposed monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to provide HTG with legal protection during the validity period of 12 months and allow more time for the Administration to further discuss options to preserve HTG with the owner. The declaration was published in the Gazette on 28 January 2011. The declaration will have effect for a period of 12 months from the date of gazettal, during which the Government will explore possible preservation options with the owner.

**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 AMO is detailed at **Annex B**.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS**

**Surveys / Excavations**

5. The progress of archaeological projects from December 2010 to January 2011 is summarized at **Annex C**.

## Archaeological Licences

6. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted from December 2010 to January 2011 :

- (a) archaeological survey at Lung Kwu Tan for Village Sewerage in Tseung Kwan O and Tuen Mun;
- (b) archaeological watching brief at Tse Uk Tsuen for Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link;
- (c) archaeological watching brief at Kowloon City for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 3 Mains in East Kowloon (Package A).

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

## EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

### Statistics

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by AMO from December 2010 to January 2011 are at **Annex E**.

### Educational Programmes

#### Heritage Tours

9. AMO arranged 177 guided tours at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 7,036 from December 2010 to January 2011. Details are at **Annex F**.

#### Lectures and Workshops

10. Lectures on various heritage topics were held from December 2010 to January 2011. In addition, 16 workshops were specially organised for schools and members of the public with a total of 900 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

#### Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH)

11. YFOHs who had received docent training helped with the Open Day of the Office of Former Chief Executives at 28 Kennedy Road on 16 January 2011. Their docent service was well received by the public.

CHO's Publicity and Education Activities

12. Heritage tours specially organised for the disabled by CHO commenced in November 2010 and will run up to March 2011. The guided tour to the Tai Tam Heritage Trail started in December 2010 and will run up to April 2011.

13. A roving exhibition "Hong Kong Heritage Tourism Expo – Access Heritage" commenced in December 2010 and will run up to September 2011. It is anticipated that some 100,000 people will visit the exhibition.

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