

**MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE**

This paper informs 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 May 2011.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

Fortified Structure at Ha Pak Nai, Yuen Long

2. As a testimony to Hong Kong's role in the revolutionary movement under the leadership of Dr Sun Yat-sen and his compatriots, the fortified structure has high historical significance. The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) supported the proposal to declare the fortified structure as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) at its meeting on 22 February 2011. The declaration was published in the Gazette on 24 June 2011.

School House of St. Stephen's College

3. School House of St. Stephen's College was accorded a Grade 1 status by AAB at its meeting on 18 December 2009. The Board also recommended declaring School House as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance at its meeting on 15 June 2011. Consent from the owner to the intended declaration has been obtained. AMO is proceeding with the declaration procedures as required under the Ordinance.

King's College

4. AAB accorded King's College a Grade 2 status in 1992 and recommended declaring it as a monument in 2004. The previous grading of King's College was reviewed by AAB as part of the ongoing assessment exercise of 1 444 historic buildings. After the review, AAB accorded King's College a Grade 1 status at its meeting on 18 December 2009 and reaffirmed its

previous recommendation to declare King's College as a monument at its meeting on 15 June 2011. AMO is proceeding with the declaration procedures as required under the Ordinance.

### **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures**

5. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures which AAB 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 June to 15 August 2011 is summarized at **Annex C**.

### **Discovery of a late Qing object in Mong kok**

8. AMO was referred by the police that a suspected artifact was found in a Water Supplies Department (WSD)'s work site at the junction of Pak Po Street and Hak Po Street, Mong Kok on 31 July 2011. The object was collected by AMO for assessment and confirmed, after consultation with an expert in the field, to be a spittoon dated to late Qing Dynasty. AMO revisited the site on 1 August 2011, no cultural layer or significant archaeological finds were identified. WSD was reminded to inform AMO in case of any further discovery of suspected artifacts in the site. The spittoon is now placed in the Central Archaeological Repository of AMO for study and display on suitable occasions.

### **Archaeological Licences**

9. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted from June to 15 August 2011 :

- (a) To conduct an archaeological watching brief by Dr Liu Wensuo for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 3 – Mains in West Kowloon (Package A) (licence renewal);
- (b) To conduct an archaeological survey for archaeological impact assessment by Mr Ng Wai Hung for the Proposed Comprehensive Residential Development at Lots in D.D. 92 and Adjoining Government Land, Kwu Tung North, Sheung Shui; and

- (c) To conduct an archaeological watching brief by Ms Liu Mao for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 3 – Mains in East Kowloon (Package B) (licence renewal).

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

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY**

### **Statistics**

11. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by AMO from June to 15 August 2011 are at **Annex E.**

### **Educational Programmes**

#### Heritage Tours

12. AMO arranged 189 guided tours at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC), Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery and Wun Yiu Display Centre with a total attendance of 8 187 from June to 15 August 2011. Details are at **Annex F.**

#### Lectures and Workshops

13. Lectures on various heritage topics were held from June to 15 August 2011. In addition, 22 workshops were organised for schools and members of the public with a total of 569 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G.**

#### Exhibitions

14. The roving exhibition “Hong Kong Heritage Tourism Expo – Access Heritage” staged at 9 venues from December 2010 to July 2011 has concluded with a total attendance of around 120 000. A photo exhibition on “A Glimpse of Old Buildings on Hong Kong Island” is being staged at HDC from 26 July 2011 to mid-September 2011.

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