

Progress of Archaeological Projects between August and October 2011

Item	Project	Background	Progress/Result
1.	Post-excavation research work for rescue excavation 2008-09 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 by subsequent investigations over the past decades during which rich archaeological remains of prehistoric, Han (漢), Ming (明) and Qing (清) periods with features of stone implement workshops and burials were discovered.</p> <p>The rescue operation between 2008 and 2009 was conducted jointly with the Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Science (IACASS, 中國社會科學院考古研究所). The field report and the gist of excavation findings were published in the <i>Archaeology</i> (考古) <i>Journal</i> No.7 of 2010 and in the book entitled <i>Major Archaeological Discoveries in China in 2009</i> (國家文物局主編,《2009 中國重要考古發現》, 北京: 文物出版社, 2010. 4) respectively.</p>	Finds processing was completed in March 2011. The excavation report will be finalised by end of 2011.
2.	Study on the old trails in rural areas	A study was commissioned in January 2011 to assess the cultural heritage value of old footpaths in the rural areas.	A report of the study is under preparation.

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3.	Archaeological survey for small houses development in Ho Chung, Sai Kung (西貢蠔涌)	An archaeological survey was conducted to examine the archaeological potential of the small house sites within the Ho Chung Site of Archaeological Interest.	No cultural remains were recovered from test pits of the proposed small house sites.
4.	Archaeological survey for small houses development in Mong Tseng, Yuen Long (元朗輞井)	An archaeological survey was conducted to examine the archaeological potential of the small house sites close to the Mong Tseng Site of Archaeological Interest.	No cultural remains were recovered from test pits of the proposed small house sites.
5.	Archaeological investigation for proposed sewage pumping station and rising mains in Area 54, Tuen Mun	The proposed sewage pumping station falls within the Kei Lun Wai Site of Archaeological Interest. An archaeological survey is required to ascertain the archaeological potential of the pumping station site and associated areas prior to commencement of construction.	Fieldwork commenced in October 2011.