

**For information  
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**BOARD PAPER  
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**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 Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) since August 2011.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

**King's College and School House of St. Stephen's College**

2. The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) supported the declaration of King's College and School House of St. Stephen's College as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (the Ordinance) at its meeting on 15 June 2011. The Chief Executive's approval for the intended declaration has been obtained. The declaration notice will be published in the Gazette in late November 2011.

**Ho Tung Gardens**

3. Subsequent to the briefing to AAB on 10 October 2011 on the findings of the two consultancy studies commissioned by AMO on the historical and architectural values of Ho Tung Gardens (HTG), Members supported declaring HTG as a monument at its meeting on 24 October 2011. AMO is proceeding with the declaration procedures as required under the Ordinance.

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

4. 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**

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

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS**

### **Surveys / Excavations**

6. The progress of archaeological projects from August to October 2011 is summarized at **Annex C**.

### **Archaeological Licences**

7. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period:

- (a) To Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological watching brief for West Island Line; and
- (b) To Dr Michael Atha for conducting an archaeological investigation at San Tau, Lantau Island for academic research.

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

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY**

### **Statistics**

9. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by AMO from August to October 2011 are at **Annex E**.

## Educational Programmes

### Heritage Tours

10. AMO arranged 249 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 8 879 from August to October 2011. Details are at **Annex F**.

### Lectures and Workshops

11. Lectures on various heritage topics were held. In addition, 19 workshops were organised for schools and members of the public with a total of 513 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

### Exhibition

12. The photo exhibition “A Glimpse of Old Buildings on Hong Kong Island” was staged at HDC from 26 July to 25 September 2011 with a total attendance of 19 218.

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