

**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 February 2013.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

The Béthanie and Cenotaph

2. The Antiquities Advisory Board (“AAB”) supported the declaration of the Béthanie and Cenotaph as monuments at its meeting held on 17 December 2012. Notice of the intended declaration was served on the tenant of the Béthanie on 19 January 2013 under section 4(2) of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (“the Ordinance”). No objection to the intended declaration was received within one month after the service of the notice. Since the Cenotaph is situated on government land, a notice under section 4(2) of the Ordinance is not required. The Chief Executive’s approval for the intended declaration of the two buildings is being sought.

Tat Tak Communal Hall (達德公所) and Fat Tat Tong (發達堂)

3. At its meetings held on 20 February 2013 and 17 April 2013, the AAB had recommended the declaration of Tat Tak Communal Hall and Fat Tat Tong as monuments. AMO is proceeding with the declaration procedures including

preparation of the notice and plan required under section 4 of the Ordinance.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

4. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures which AAB has discussed is set out at **Annex A**.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

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

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

6. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by the AMO from February to May 2013 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

7. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from February to May 2013:

- (a) To Dr Zheng Junlei for conducting an archaeological watching brief for Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon Sewerage - Phase 2;
- (b) To Ms Liu Mao for conducting an archaeological watching brief for Sewerage at Yuen Long Kau Hui and Shap Pat Heung (Sewerage Works at Portion B – Tai Tong Tsuen);
- (c) To Dr Yao Chongxin for conducting an archaeological survey at Lin Ma Hang for Construction of a New Boundary Patrol Road with Primary and Secondary Boundary Fences;
- (d) To Mr Wang Hong for conducting an archaeological survey cum

excavation at Former Tai Hong Village for the Shatin and Central Link.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

9. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the AMO and the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau from February to May 2013 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by the CHO

10. The CHO organised a series of programmes to reach out to the community from February to May 2013 including:

- (a) A workshop entitled “活化歷史建築與文化承傳” co-organised with the AMO on 22 February 2013 which had attracted about 25 secondary teachers;
- (b) King Yin Lei Open Days in April 2013 which had attracted 3 648 visitors;
- (c) Since its launch in January 2008, the dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk) has received over 1 837 873 visits as at 30 May 2013; and
- (d) Since June 2008, the CHO has published a bimonthly newsletter “活化 @Heritage” featuring topics of public concern and explaining the work of the CHO. Over 380 000 printed copies had been distributed by May 2013.

11. In the coming months, the following programmes will be organised by the CHO:

- (a) Open days to King Yin Lei on 15&16 June, 20&21 July and 17&18 August 2013;
- (b) “New Life @ Heritage” Exhibition featuring the six revitalised historic buildings under the Batch I of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme at the Hong Kong International Airport from late-June to December 2013;
- (c) “Roving Exhibition on Batch I of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under “Our Home: Hong Kong” Campaign from mid-July to December 2013; and
- (d) “Heritage Fiesta 2013” featuring historic school buildings in Hong Kong from September to October 2013.

Educational Programmes Organised by the AMO

12. A series of educational programmes were organised by the AMO from February to June 2013:

- (a) 510 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”), Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery (“PSTCG”) with a total attendance of 22 897. Details are at **Annex F**;
- (b) Lectures and workshops were arranged during the period with a total of 4 014 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**;
- (c) The Friends of Heritage Scheme (Batch 11) was launched and a briefing session for the participants was arranged in April 2013;
- (d) The “History in Miniature: The 150th Anniversary of Stamp Issuance in Hong Kong” exhibition was staged at the HDC from 4 March to 14 April 2013 with a total attendance of 9 833. It

was followed by another exhibition “Amazing Bourgogne” which started on 3 May and has just concluded on 23 June 2013;

- (e) The “A Journey to Ping Shan: The Tangs and Education” and “Sense of Identity of Indigenous Inhabitants in the New Territories” exhibitions organised by the Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School and the Bethel High School are currently on show at the Ping Shan Heritage Trail Visitors Centre until end of June 2013.

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