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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 June 2013.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

The Béthanie, Cenotaph and Tat Tak Communal Hall (達德公所)

2. A notice of the intended declaration of Tat Tak Communal Hall as a monument had been served on the concerned owners under section 4(2) of the Ordinance. No objection to the intended declarations was received within one month after the service of the notice. AMO is proceeding with the declaration procedures as required under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the “Ordinance”).

Fat Tat Tong (發達堂)

3. A notice of the intended declaration of Fat Tat Tong as a monument as required under the Ordinance will be issued to the concerned owner[s] and legal occupier[s] upon completion of all necessary proceedings.

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 June to August 2013 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

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

- (a) To Dr Zheng Junlei for conducting an archaeological survey at Wu Shek Kok for the construction of a sewage pumping station for Pak Hok Lam Trunk Sewer and Sha Tau Kok Village Sewerage;
- (b) To Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological watching brief for the upgrading of Mui Wo Sewage Treatment Works and Village Sewerage at Wang Tong and Yue Kwong Chuen, Lantau Island;
- (c) To Dr Guo Lixin for conducting an archaeological watching brief for the replacement and rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 4 Phase 2 at Ma Wan;
- (d) To Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting a marine archaeological

investigation for the expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three Runway System.

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

Improvement Works for Rock Carvings and Inscription

9. The Civil Engineering and Development Department has completed the study on the geotechnical stability of rock carvings and inscription in Hong Kong. The study has provided useful information to AMO and relevant departments such as the Architectural Services Department for planning future conservation works. The 3D laser scanning arranged by AMO for the rock carvings at Lung Ha Wan and Big Wave Bay has been completed while the scanning for the Wong Chuk Hang rock carving is underway.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

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

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by the CHO

11. The CHO organised a series of programmes to reach out to the community from June to August 2013 including:

- (a) "New Life @ Heritage" Exhibition featuring six revitalised historic buildings under Batch I of the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" at the airport is being staged from 30 June to December 2013;
- (b) Roving exhibition on Batch I of the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" under "Our Home: Hong Kong" Campaign is being staged from 19 July to December 2013;

- (c) King Yin Lei Open Days from June to August 2013 which had attracted 8 813 visitors;
- (d) Since its launch in January 2008, the dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk) has received over 1 887 176 visits as at 30 August 2013; and
- (e) 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 386 500 printed copies had been distributed by July 2013.

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

- (a) Open days to King Yin Lei on 19 & 20 October;
- (b) “Heritage Fiesta 2013” featuring historic school buildings in Hong Kong from September to October 2013. Opening ceremony cum photo exhibition will be held on 10 September 2013; and
- (c) An International Conference on Heritage Conservation will also be held from 28 to 30 November 2013.

Educational Programmes Organised by the AMO

13. The following is a series of educational programmes organised by the AMO from June to August 2013:

- (a) 329 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery (“PSTCG”) with a total attendance of 35 084. Details are at **Annex F**;
- (b) Lectures and workshops were arranged during the period with a total of 1 627 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**;

- (c) The “Amazing Bourgogne” exhibition was staged at HDC from 3 May to 23 June 2013 with a total attendance of 12 087. The roving exhibition “The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Annual Awards 2012” is being staged at HDC from 31 August to 18 September 2013; and
- (d) The “Tsuen Wan Our Home” exhibition organised by the Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School is being staged at the Ping Shan Heritage Trail Visitors Centre until end of November 2013.

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