

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

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the buildings as detailed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 below and to consider the proposed gradings of the buildings set out in paragraph 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the last meeting on 27 June 2013, Members have endorsed the grading of 1 254 buildings as set out below –

- (a) 167 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 332 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 454 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 284 buildings with no grading; and
- (e) 17 buildings with no further proceeding due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Members are invited to consider the proposed grading of the Kowloon Union Church and the Manse at Nos. 2 and 4 Jordan Road, Yau Ma Tei (**Annex A**) for which the owner's previous queries have already been settled. At the meeting held on 17 April 2013, Members accorded the Shek O Bus Terminus Building with a proposed Grade 3 status and started the one-month public consultation. There were some suggestions of upgrading the building. After reviewing all the submissions, the Assessment Panel considered that the information and comments provided could not substantiate the upgrading proposal and hence maintained their views that the building be

accorded with a Grade 3 status. Besides, the Assessment Panel also reviewed the Grade 3 status of the building at No. 271 Yu Chau Street, Kowloon and considered that the recent alteration and addition works to the building could not substantiate the downgrading proposal as raised by the owner. The grading of these four buildings is at **Annex A** for Members' endorsement.

4. At the meeting of 27 June 2013, Members accorded 10 items with proposed grading at **Annex B**. After a one-month public consultation, no adverse comment has been received. Members may wish to confirm the grading of these 10 items.

5. Members decided at the meeting held on 27 June 2013 to defer the discussion on the 13 items within Yuen Long Kau Hui listed in **Annex C** to the next meeting and considered that other items within Yuen Long Kau Hui which had already been graded should be compared in consideration of the grading of the 13 items. There are 16 items within Yuen Long Kau Hui which have already been assessed, and they are listed at **Annex D** for Members' reference.

6. The Assessment Panel has further completed the heritage assessment and grading recommendations of 24 items (at **Annex E**). Following the usual practice, subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the information and the proposed grading of the new items to the website of AAB for a one-month public consultation. AMO will also write to the owners of the privately-owned items to inform them of the proposed grading. We shall report to Members on any information or views received for further consideration before finalising the grading of these items.

ADVICE SOUGHT

7. Members are invited to consider endorsing the grading of those items as detailed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above and the proposed grading of those items mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

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