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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 September 2013.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

The Béthanie and Cenotaph

2. With the support of Antiquities Advisory Board (“AAB”) and the approval of the Chief Executive, the Béthanie and Cenotaph were declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the “Ordinance”) by notice in the Gazette on 22 November 2013.

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

3. Notices of the intended declaration of Tat Tak Communal Hall and Fat Tat Tong as monuments had been served on the concerned owners and lawful occupiers 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 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 September to November 2013 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

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

- (a) Professor Min Sun for excavating and searching for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks within Hong Kong;
- (b) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the redevelopment of Nga Tsin Wai Village (Licence Renewal);
- (c) Mr Ng Wai Hung for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the residential development at various private lots in D.D. 132, Tuen Mun Area 54 (Licence Renewal);
- (d) Dr William Jeffery for conducting a marine archaeological investigation of the sea-bed off Town Island at Sai Kung, Hong Kong;

- (e) To Dr Michael Atha for conducting an archaeological survey-cum-excavation on the island of Yim Tim Tsai, Sai Kung;
- (f) To Ms Ellen Ann Cameron for conducting an archaeological watching brief at Lung A Pai for the Lam Tsuen Valley Sewerage;
- (g) To Dr Zheng Junlei for conducting an archaeological watching brief at San Tsuen and Nga Yiu Tau for the Pak Hok Lam Trunk Sewer and Sha Tau Kok Village Sewerage; and
- (h) To Dr Liu Wensuo for conducting (i) an archaeological survey and archaeological watching brief at the section between Lin Ma Hang and Frontier Closed Area Boundary for Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works Project; and (ii) an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at Sacred Hill (North) for the Shatin to Central Link (Licence Renewal).

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 as organised by the AMO and the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau from September to November 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 June to November 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 2013 to 30 June 2014;

- (b) Roving exhibition on Batch I of the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under “Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign is being staged from 19 July to 30 December 2013;
- (c) King Yin Lei Open Days from June to November 2013 which had attracted over 20 500 visitors;
- (d) “Heritage Fiesta 2013” featuring historic school buildings and study halls in Hong Kong was held from September to October 2013, which attracted around 48,000 visitors. Photo exhibition was held from 9 to 15 September 2013;
- (e) An International Conference on Heritage Conservation was held from 29 to 30 November 2013;
- (f) Since its launch in January 2008, the dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk) has received over 1 949 000 visits as at 31 October 2013; and
- (g) 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 393 000 printed copies had been distributed by November 2013.

11. On 7 & 8 December 2013, open days to King Yin Lei will be organised by the CHO.

Educational Programmes Organised by the AMO

12. The following education activities were organised from September to November 2013:

- (a) 321 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 18 659. Details are at **Annex F**;

- (b) Lectures and workshops were arranged during the period with a total of 1 587 (figures to be provided later) participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**;
- (c) The “Growing Up With Public Housing” exhibition, organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority at the HDC has been opened to the public since 27 September 2013. It will be on show until 2 March 2014; and
- (d) The “Poon Choi” Project Learning exhibition, organised by Concordia Lutheran School, North Point, is being staged at Ping Shan Heritage Trail Visitors Centre until January 2014.

13. Apart from the education activities such as lectures, workshops, seminars, exhibitions and guided tours, the AMO will launch a series of programmes to reach out the community in 2014.:

- (a) AMO will collaborate with professional and organisations such as the Hong Kong Institute for Architectural Conservationists and the Construction Industry Council to organise heritage projects. AMO will continue to support the International Museum Day in May 2014, the International Arts Carnival from July to August 2014 and the School Culture Day for 2014/15 with diversified programmes to promote Hong Kong’s heritage;
- (b) AMO has launched the Friends of Heritage (“FOH”) and Young Friends of Heritage (“YFOH”) since 1997 and 2004 respectively, aiming at involving the public and students in providing volunteer service in heritage conservation and promotional work. Recruitment for FOH or YFOH is arranged biennially. There are at present 270 YFOH upon the completion of last recruitment exercise in 2012. AMO will recruit another batch of YFOH in March 2014 with target participants of 40 lower-form secondary school students. The last FOH recruitment was arranged in March 2013 with a quota of 120 participants. The number of FOH has reached around 820 and various training programmes

for FOH will be arranged in 2014;

- (c) AMO will continue to provide heritage information and resources to the public through AMO and AAB's websites, and the Reference Library in the HDC;
- (d) AMO will provide advice to District Councils which have plans to set up heritage trails in their respective districts.

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