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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 November 2013.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

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

2. With the support of Antiquities Advisory Board (“AAB”) and the approval of the Chief Executive, Tat Tak Communal Hall and Fat Tat Tong were declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the “Ordinance”) by notice in the Gazette on 27 December 2013.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

3. 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

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

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

5. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by the AMO from November 2013 to February 2014 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

6. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from November 2013 to February 2014:

- (a) Ms Liu Mao for conducting an archaeological watching brief for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 4 Phase 2 - Mains on Outlying Islands;
- (b) Mr Markus Spring for conducting an archaeological survey for Tung Chung New Town Development Extension; and
- (c) Dr Liu Wensuo for conducting an archaeological watching brief at the proposed launching shaft for the construction of Sung Wong Toi Station of the Shatin to Central Link.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and the AMO from November 2013 to February 2014 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by the CHO

9. The CHO organised a series of programmes to reach out to the community from November 2013 to February 2014 including:

- (a) “New Life @ Heritage” Exhibition featuring six revitalised historic buildings under Batch I of the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” is being staged at the airport 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 was staged from 19 July to 30 December 2013 attracting 75 887 visitors;
- (c) King Yin Lei Open Days were organised from April to December 2013 attracting 24 283 visitors;
- (d) “International Conference on Heritage Conservation 2013 - Latest Movements in Heritage Conservation: Global Vision and Local Outlook” co-organised with the Architectural Conservation Programmes of The University of Hong Kong in November 2013, attracting over 300 attendees from the industry;
- (e) Since its launch in January 2008, the dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk) has received 2 018 157 visits as at 31 January 2014; and
- (f) 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.

10. In 2014, the following programmes will be further organised by the CHO:

- (a) As part of the Public Awareness Activities on Built Heritage Conservation, a roving exhibition will be conducted from March to May 2014 at different locations;

- (b) Roving Photo Exhibition on historic buildings in Hong Kong which have received UNESCO Awards from June to December 2014;
- (c) Production of publication on historic buildings in Hong Kong which have received UNESCO Awards; and
- (d) “Heritage Fiesta 2014” featuring temples and churches from October to November 2014.

Educational Programmes

11. Major education activities organised from November 2013 to February 2014 include:

- (a) The “Growing Up With Public Housing” exhibition, organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority with the support from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the AMO, was staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) from 27 September 2013 to 2 March 2014;
 - (b) The Master Class Distinguished Lecture Series: Master Builders on Materials and Techniques of Conservation Projects in Mainland China and Hong Kong, jointly organized by the Construction Industry Council, CHO, Architectural Conservation Programmes of the University of Hong Kong, AMO and HKU SPACE, is being organised at the HKU SPACE Admiralty Learning Centre from January to March 2014;
 - (c) As part of the Public Awareness Activities on Built Heritage Conservation, a series of thematic lectures / talks / family workshops will be arranged at HDC during April to June 2014;
 - (d) 469 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 19 531. Details are at **Annex F**; and
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- (e) A number of workshops and lectures including those under (b) were arranged during the period with a total of 1 081 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.
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