

**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 2014.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Three Historic Temples

2. In recognition of the heritage significance of three historic temples under the administration of the Chinese Temples Committee (“CTC”), namely Lin Fa Temple (蓮花宮) in Tai Hang; Hau Wong Temple (侯王古廟) in Kowloon City and Hung Shing Temple (洪聖古廟) in Ap Lei Chau, it is planned to declare these three historic temples as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). The proposal will be discussed under a separate agenda item vide the Board Paper AAB/35/2013-14.

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 February to May 2014 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

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

- (a) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological survey at Sandy Ridge for Site Formation and Associated Infrastructural Works for Development of Columbarium, Crematorium and Related Facilities at Sandy Ridge Cemetery;
- (b) Ms Liu Mao for conducting an archaeological watching brief for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 3, Mains in West Kowloon (Package B) (Licence Renewal);
- (c) Mr Wang Fei for conducting an archaeological survey at Sha Tau Kok Road Section and Lau Shui Heung Tunnel Section and archaeological watching brief at Fanling Section for Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works Project;
- (d) Mr Wang Fei for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the Proposed Development of an Extension Central Block and Construction of New Underground Utilities at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Kellett Island,

Hong Kong; and

- (e) Dr Liu Wensuo for conducting an archaeological watching brief at the Open Cut Area for the Construction of To Kwa Wan 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 February to May 2014 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by the CHO

9. The following activities were organised by the CHO from February 2014 to May 2014:

- (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 until 30 June 2014; and
- (b) as part of the Public Awareness Activities on Built Heritage Conservation, "Roving exhibition on the Conservation of Built Heritage" is being staged from March to May 2014.

10. The following programmes will be organised by the CHO in the coming months:

- (a) "TIMELESS archiCULTURE – UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation: 14 award-winning projects of Hong Kong" roving photo exhibition at various locations from June to December 2014;

and

- (b) “Heritage Fiesta 2014” featuring temples and churches from October to November 2014.

11. CHO continues to keep the public informed of developments on the heritage front and our heritage conservation work through:

- (a) the dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk), which has received 2 081 573 visits as at 30 April 2014 since its launch in January 2008; and
- (b) a bimonthly newsletter “活化@Heritage” featuring topics of public concern and explaining the work of the CHO.

Educational Programmes

12. Major education activities organised from February to May 2014 include:

- (a) 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, at the HKU SPACE Admiralty Learning Centre from January to March 2014;
- (b) “A Journey through Hong Kong’s Postal History – A Glimpse of Hong Kong’s Postal History through the Old General Post Office Building (1911 – 1976)” exhibition, jointly organised by Hongkong Post and AMO, which is being staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) from 30 April to 26 August 2014;
- (c) 460 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 14 015. Details are at **Annex F**;

and

- (d) A number of workshops and lectures including those under (a) were arranged during the period with a total of 2 322 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G.**
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