

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on  
the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of  
the Revitalisation of the Bridges Street Market**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report in respect of the revitalisation of the Bridges Street Market (BSM) into the Hong Kong News-Expo and has the following comments:

- a) The general form of the BSM, including the front elevation and the envelope of the staff quarters on 2/F, will be generally kept intact. This approach helps the public to appreciate the International Modernist style of the BSM, which was common for civic buildings in 1950s;
- b) Internally, the character defining elements (CDEs) reflecting the former use of the BSM, including a representative market stall on each floor, the main staircase with the balustrade in Shanghai plastering finishes, columns with Shanghai plaster dado, stoves and chimneys in the poultry slaughter room, and key stencil signage on walls, will be preserved. These preserved CDEs reflect the historical and social values of the BSM as a market to serve the community;
- c) The existing Refuse Collection Point adjacent to the BSM will be demolished and the stairs on Shing Wong Street will be reinstated. This helps to restore the vista of Shing Wong Street and fully expose the side elevation of the market building;
- d) Cartographic and photographic surveys of the existing BSM have been conducted for proper documentation of the existing features of the site. This approach is supported; and
- e) In addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, we would like to propose the following further enhancement measures:

- (i) New building services installations will be installed on the roof of the BSM to support the new use. Measures should be taken to minimise the visual impact to the elevations of the BSM such that public appreciation of the building will not be hindered. Design of these installations should be submitted to the AMO for comment;
- (ii) The design of the structural strengthening works to the BSM to cater for the new use should be minimal, strictly on a need basis. Details of the design should be submitted to the AMO for comment;
- (iii) New access facilities including a lift and the new bridges connecting the building to Shing Wong Street and Wing Lee Street will be constructed at the rear elevation to fulfil the modern day's requirements on barrier free access and means of escape. These new access facilities should keep the physical and visual impacts on the BSM to the minimal and should be distinguishable from the existing building. The design of these facilities should be submitted to the AMO for comment;
- (iv) If upgrading works to the existing staircases within the BSM are required, such works should be designed such that the physical and visual impacts to the existing staircases can be kept to the minimal. Details of such upgrading works should be submitted to the AMO for comment;
- (v) The installation and ducting for the building services facilities should be in less prominent locations to minimise the visual impact on the BSM. The routings should also be carefully designed to minimise the damage to the existing building fabric. The details should be submitted to the AMO for comment; and

- (vi) To ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a heritage consultant should be appointed by the Journalism Education Foundation Hong Kong Limited to monitor the implementation and record any changes and variations.

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