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 to 5 and to consider the proposed grading of the buildings set out in paragraph 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 4 March 2014, Members have endorsed the grading of 1 292 buildings as set out below –

- (a) 168 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 344 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 475 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 287 buildings with no grading; and
- (e) 18 buildings which will not be further processed due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. At the meeting held on 4 March 2014, Members accorded proposed grading to 8 new items and started the one-month public consultation. During the consultation period, no adverse comment has been received for 6 items. Members may wish to confirm the grading of these 6 items listed at <u>Annex A</u>. For the remaining 2 items, there are objections from the owners of Nos. 167 and 169 Lai Chi Kok Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon to the grading proposal, and a suggestion from The Hong Kong Golf Club to upgrade the Clubhouse from Grade 2 to Grade 1. Regarding the objections from the owners of Nos. 167 and 169 Lai Chi Kok Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon, AMO will further discuss

with the owners to clear their doubts. As for the Clubhouse, the Assessment Panel considered that the information provided could not substantiate the upgrading proposal and hence maintained their views that the building be recommended a Grade 2 status.

4. On the other hand, a suggestion from the public has been received to review the heritage value of the stone house at No. 4 Tai Koon Yuen, Diamond Hill, Kowloon which was accorded nil grade by the Board on 31 August 2010 under the assessment of the 1,444 buildings. After reviewing the suggestion, the Assessment Panel maintained their views that the building be recommended a nil grade status.

5. Members are invited to consider confirming the grading of the Clubhouse of The Hong Kong Golf Club Fanling Golf Course and to review the grading of the stone house of No. 4 Tai Koon Yuen, Diamond Hill as listed at <u>Annex B</u>.

6. The Assessment Panel has further completed the heritage assessment and grading recommendations of 9 new items at <u>Annex C</u>. 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 confirming the grading of those items as detailed in pargraphs 3 to 5 above and endorsing the proposed grading of those items mentioned in paragrah 6 above.

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