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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

This paper informs Members of the progress of major heritage issues and activities since September 2014.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

Declaration of Three Historic Temples

2. The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) supported the proposal to declare three historic temples, 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, as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the Ordinance) at its meeting held on 4 June 2014. Notices of the intended declaration were served on the owners and lawful occupiers of the three temples on 13 June 2014 under section 4 of the Ordinance and no objection was received within the one-month notice period. The Chief Executive's approval for the declaration was also sought. With the support of AAB and the approval of the Chief Executive, these three temples were declared as monuments under the Ordinance by notice in the Gazette on 24 October 2014.

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 Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) is detailed at **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

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

Archaeological Licences

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

- (a) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological watching brief for the sewerage works at Wang Tong Village under the Upgrading of Mui Wo Sewage Treatment Works and Village Sewerage at Wang Tong and Yue Kwong Chuen, Lantau Island project (licence renewal);
- (b) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting an archaeological watching brief and rescue excavation for the proposed development at Lots 196 and 197 S.A.ss.1 in D.D. Cheung Chau;
- (c) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting a marine archaeological investigation for the Planning and Engineering Study on Future Land Use at Ex-Lamma Quarry Area at Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island — Feasibility Study;
- (d) Professor Patrick Wu Pak Cheuk for excavating and searching for fossils in areas of sedimentary rocks within Hong Kong;
- (e) Dr Michael Atha for conducting an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at Pak Kok Tsui, Lamma Island;

(f) Mr Ng Wai Hung for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the proposed construction of a shelter at the open space next to the South Lantau Rural Committee Office at Pui O, Lantau Island; and

(g) Mr Ng Wai Hung for conducting an archaeological survey for the formation, roads and drains in Area 54, Tuen Mun – Phase 1 and Phase 2.

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

Improvement Works for Rock Carvings and Inscription

8. Based on the design for protection and visitors' facilities at rock carvings and inscription as reported to the AAB and its meeting held on 22 March 2012, the Architectural Services Department completed the improvement works for Joss House Bay rock inscription and Kau Sai Chau rock carving on 3 September and 31 October 2014 respectively.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

9. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of Development Bureau and the AMO from September to November 2014 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by CHO

10. The following activities were organised by the CHO from September to November 2014:

- (a) Roving photo exhibitions on "TIMELESS archiCULTURE – UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation: 14 Award-winning Projects of Hong Kong" are being staged at various locations from 13 June to 31 December 2014; and

- (b) “Heritage Fiesta 2014” featuring temples and churches held from October to November 2014, with the related photo exhibitions held in October 2014.

11. CHO has continued to keep the public informed of developments on the heritage front and the government’s heritage conservation work through:

- (a) The dedicated government website on heritage conservation (www.heritage.gov.hk), which has received 2 195 267 visits as at 31 October 2014 since its launch in January 2008; and
- (b) A bimonthly newsletter “活化@Heritage” featuring topics of public concern and reporting on the government’s heritage conservation initiatives.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

12. Major education activities organised by the AMO from September to November 2014 include:

- (a) 210 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 5 756. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (b) A number of workshops and lectures were arranged during the period with a total of 1 251 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

13. AMO was also the venue sponsor for “Taipei Story House Presents the Story of Old Businesses in Taiwan” exhibition organised by Kwang Hwa Information and Culture Centre, being staged at HDC from 7 to 30 November 2014.

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