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**BOARD PAPER
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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 1 November 2014.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

2. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures which the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) has discussed is set out at Annex A.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

3. 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

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by the AMO from 1 November 2014 to 10 February 2015 is summarised at Annex C.

Archaeological Licences

5. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 November 2014 to 10 February 2015:

- (a) Mr Wang Wenjian for conducting an archaeological survey for the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study – Investigation project;
- (b) Mr Ng Wai Hung for conducting an archaeological investigation for the proposed infrastructure works at the former North Apron area of the former Kai Tak Airport, Kowloon City; and
- (c) Mr Ng Wai Hung for conducting an archaeological survey for the proposed site for public housing development at Queen's Hill Site of Archaeological Interest, Fanling.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of Development Bureau and the AMO from 1 November 2014 to 10 February 2015 are at **Annex E.**

Programmes and Activities Organised/To Be Organised by CHO

7. The following activities were organised by the CHO from 1 November 2014 to February 2015:

- (a) Roving photo exhibitions on "TIMELESS archiCULTURE – UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation: 14 Award-winning Projects of Hong Kong" 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.

8. 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 2 251 745 visits as at 31 January 2015 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

9. Major education activities and exhibitions organised by the AMO from 1 November 2014 to 10 February 2015 include:

- (a) 389 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 12 240. Details are at **Annex F**;
- (b) 40 workshops and 9 lectures were arranged during the period with a total of 2 404 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**; and
- (c) “A Mosaic of Kowloon: Photos of Heritage” exhibition held from 12 December 2014 to 25 February 2015.

10. 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.

11. Apart from the education activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and guided tours, the AMO also plans to launch a series of programmes to reach out the community in 2015:

- (a) AMO will collaborate with community organisations, such as the Tung Wah Museum, Hong Kong Heritage Project, and local universities to promote heritage conservation and to launch publicity projects/programmes, to organise workshops, exhibition programmes and lecture series;
- (b) AMO will continue to support the International Museum Day Hong Kong which is scheduled for May 2015, the Museum Festival from June to July 2015, the International Arts Carnival from July to August 2015, and the School Cultural Day Scheme for the year 2015-16 with diversified programmes in promoting Hong Kong's heritage;
- (c) AMO has launched the Friends of Heritage (FOH) and Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH) since 1997 and 2004 respectively, aiming at involving the public and students and promoting the understanding of heritage through volunteer services on heritage conservation and education. Recruitment for FOH or YFOH has been arranged regularly since establishment of the schemes. At present, there are 570 FOHs and 300 YFOHs. AMO plans to recruit a new batch of 100 FOH in March 2015; and
- (d) AMO will continue to provide heritage information and resources to the public through AMO's and AAB's websites, and the Reference Library in HDC.

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