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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
IN RESPECT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF  
KWONG WAH HOSPITAL**

**PURPOSE**

This paper aims to present to Members the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in respect of the Redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH).

**HIA MECHANISM**

2. The HIA in respect of the redevelopment of KWH was conducted in accordance with the HIA mechanism introduced by the Development Bureau (DEVB) vide Technical Circular (Works) No. 6/2009. Since its implementation from 1 January 2008, the HIA mechanism for capital works projects emphasises that every effort should be made to avoid or minimise adverse impact by the proposed works arising from Government's capital works projects on "heritage sites"<sup>1</sup>. In the submission to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the works agent is required to include a "Heritage Implications" paragraph to be cleared by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), stating clearly whether the project will affect any "heritage sites" and if in the affirmative, what mitigation measures will be

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<sup>1</sup> Heritage sites include:  
(i) all declared monuments;  
(ii) all proposed monuments;  
(iii) all sites and buildings graded by the Antiquities Advisory Board;  
(iv) all recorded sites of archaeological interest; and  
(v) Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

taken and whether the public are in support of the proposed measures in the public engagement process.

## THE PROJECT

3. Hospital Authority (HA) proposes to redevelop the KWH compound of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) to meet the future healthcare needs of the community. All the existing hospital buildings within the compound will be demolished except for the TWGHs Tsui Tsin Tong Out-patient Building. Apart from the hospital buildings, there is a Tung Wah Museum (a declared monument) within the site. It will be properly protected and retained. The hospital buildings to be demolished are neither declared monument nor graded building.

## The HIA

4. In view of the possible visual impact of the proposed works and possible interference such as vibration and ground settlement to the Tung Wah Museum during the course of the works, the AMO considered that an HIA for the project was necessary. The HA thus engaged a heritage consultant to conduct an HIA to examine the impacts of the redevelopment project to the Tung Wah Museum and to devise mitigation measures if adverse impact is unavoidable.

5. The HIA report was submitted to the AMO by HA recently. Given that the impacts of the redevelopment on the Tung Wah Museum can be reasonably mitigated, the AMO considers the proposal agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective and is satisfied with the recommended mitigation measures. Salient points of the HIA report and AMO's comments are set out at **Annexes A and B** respectively. The full HIA report can be accessed via the link [http://www.amo.gov.hk/form/HIA\\_Report\\_KWH.pdf](http://www.amo.gov.hk/form/HIA_Report_KWH.pdf).

6. Representatives of the HA, TWGHs, as well as their project and heritage consultants, will present the findings of the HIA report at the meeting.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

7. Members are invited to offer comment and advice on the findings of the HIA.

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