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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 May 2015.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In view of their heritage significance, the Board recommended the declaration of the Signal Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui, the Race Course Fire Memorial in Happy Valley (the Memorial), and the façade of the Old Mental Hospital in Sai Ying Pun as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the Ordinance) at the meeting on 4 June 2015.

3. Given the Memorial is situated on private land, a notice of the intended monument declaration was served on the owner under section 4(2) of the Ordinance. No objection was received during the one-month notice period. The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) is now proceeding with the Memorial's declaration together with the declaration of the Signal Tower and the façade of the Old Mental Hospital in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Ordinance.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

4. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures which the Board has discussed is set out in **Annex A**.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

5. The progress of the restoration and maintenance projects being handled by AMO is set out in **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys/Excavations

6. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO from 1 May to 31 August 2015 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

7. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 May to 31 August 2015:

- (a) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting (i) an archaeological survey for the Planning and Engineering Study for Housing Sites in Yuen Long South – Investigation project; and (ii) an Archaeological Watching Brief (AWB) 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) Mr Ng Chun Lam (吳震霖先生) for conducting an AWB at San Tsuen and Nga Yiu Tau for Pak Hok Lam Trunk Sewer and Sha Tau Kok Village Sewerage;
- (c) Mr Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生) for conducting (i) an archaeological investigation and survey-cum-excavation works for a residential development at various lots of D.D. 244 in Nam Pin Wai, Sai Kung; and (ii) an archaeological investigation for the proposed Stage 5B infrastructure works at the former North Apron Area of the former Kai Tak Airport;
- (d) Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation and an AWB at Ha Wun Yiu Village for Tolo Harbour

sewerage of unsewered areas;

- (e) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting (i) a marine archaeological work in relation to the relocation of the metal object for Wan Chai Development Phase II; and (ii) a marine archaeological investigation for the Asia-Africa-Europe-1 Cable System at Cape D’Aguiar project;
- (f) Ms Liu Mao (劉茂女士) for conducting an AWB for the Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 3, Mains in West Kowloon (Package B) project (licence renewal); and
- (g) Dr William Jeffery for conducting a marine archaeological survey and excavation of an anchor stock site on the southern tip of High Island and a Basalt Island cannon site.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office (CHO) of the Development Bureau and the AMO from 1 May to 31 August 2015 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/to be Organised by CHO

9. The following activities were organised by CHO from May to August 2015:

- (a) roving photo exhibitions on “Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme” for privately-owned historic buildings from June to December 2015;
- (b) King Yin Lei Open Days from July 2015 to January 2016; and

- (c) “TIMELESS archiCULTURE – UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation: 14 award-winning projects of Hong Kong” Exhibition at Youth Square in August 2015.

10. The following programme will be organised by CHO in the coming months:

“Heritage Fiesta 2015” featuring art and cultural historic buildings from October to November 2015 with related photo exhibitions.

11. CHO has continued to keep the public abreast 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 2 378 537 visits as at 31 August 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

12. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 May to 31 August 2015 include:

- (a) 397 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 15 546. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (b) 46 workshops and 11 lectures/seminars were arranged during the period with a total of 3 102 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

13. “Fundamentally Hong Kong? Delta Four 1984 – 2044” The 14th Venice Architecture Biennale Hong Kong Response Exhibition, organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Arts Development Council, held at HDC with AMO as the venue sponsor, ended on 10 May 2015 with an

attendance of 11 591.

14. Jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and The Hong Kong Heritage Project, and organised by AMO, “Factory Hong Kong” Exhibition was staged at HDC from 12 June to 13 September 2015. A “From a Thread to a Dress” Panel Discussion was held on 15 August 2015 to complement the exhibition.

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