

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on the progress of major heritage conservation issues and activities since 1 September 2015.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

2. The declaration of the Signal Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui, the Race Course Fire Memorial in Happy Valley, and the façade of the Old Mental Hospital in Sai Ying Pun as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) were gazetted on 23 October 2015. Public talks were held on 17 October 2015, 21 November 2015, and 30 January 2016 to promote the three monuments respectively.

**Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures**

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

4. A new team comprising six members and headed by a land surveyor responsible for conducting 3D scanning for historic buildings has been set up in the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”). The 3D data collected will be used for restoration of historic buildings, promotion of built heritage, and building up the 3D archive.

## **Restoration and Maintenance Programmes**

5. The progress of 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 September 2015 to 15 February 2016 is summarised at **Annex C**.

### **Archaeological Licences**

7. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 September 2015 to 15 February 2016:

- (a) Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖博士) for conducting an archaeological survey for Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point site formation and infrastructure works (Contract 6);
- (b) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting diver inspection for a marine archaeological investigation for the preliminary integrated development study on reclamation in association with relocation of Sai Kung sewage treatment works;
- (c) Professor Patrick Wu Pak Cheuk (胡百卓教授) for conducting an excavation and search for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks and soils within Hong Kong (licence renewal);
- (d) Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生) for conducting (i) an archaeological investigation on Tung Lung Chau, Sai Kung; and (ii) a Stage 2B archaeological survey for the infrastructural works for proposed developments at Queen's Hill, Fanling – investigation, design and construction;
- (e) Mr Wang Fei (王飛先生) for conducting an archaeological watching brief for the proposed construction of a canopy at the Royal Hong

Kong Yacht Club, Kellett Island, Hong Kong;

- (f) Dr Guo Lixin (郭立新博士) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation and watching brief for the sewage works at Yung Shue Wan Site of Archaeological Interest, Lamma Island under the Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 – Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2, Package 1 project;
- (g) Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at Lots 196 and 197 S.A. ss.1 in D.D. Cheung Chau;
- (h) Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生) for conducting (i) an archaeological survey for the preliminary development review for housing sites at Tuen Mun Central – feasibility study; and (ii) an archaeological investigation to ascertain the archaeological potential and formulate mitigation measures for the Civil Engineering and Development Department to plan for the future use of the investigation area at Nam Wai Site of Archaeological Interest, Sai Kung; and
- (i) Dr Zheng Junlei (鄭君雷博士) for conducting an archaeological watching brief at Kei Lun Wai and Fu Tei Ha Tsuen for the Castle Peak Road trunk sewer and Tuen Mun Village sewerage project.

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

8. Starting from 31 March 2016, the licence fee to excavate and search for antiquities will be raised from \$320 to \$2,520.

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY**

### **Statistics**

9. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau and

AMO from 1 September 2015 to 15 February 2016 are at **Annex E**.

### **Programmes and Activities Organised/to be Organised by CHO**

10. The following activities were organised by CHO from 1 September 2015 to 15 February 2016:

- (a) roving photo exhibitions on “Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme for privately-owned historic buildings” from June to December 2015;
- (b) King Yin Lei Public Open Days from July 2015 to January 2016;
- (c) “Heritage Fiesta 2015” cum photo exhibitions from October to November 2015; and
- (d) music performance at YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel under the “Appreciate Hong Kong” Campaign in January 2016.

11. The following programmes will be organised by CHO in the coming months:

- (a) music performances at Green Hub, PMQ and Stone Houses Family Garden under the “Appreciate Hong Kong” Campaign from February to April 2016; and
- (b) King Yin Lei Open Days for underprivileged groups under the “Appreciate Hong Kong” Campaign from March to April 2016.

12. 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](http://www.heritage.gov.hk)), which has received 2 500 832 visits as at 31 January 2016 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**

13. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 September 2015 to 15 February 2016 include:

- (a) 609 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 27 338. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and
- (b) 46 workshops, 11 lectures/seminars and 1 sharing session were arranged during the period with a total of 2 145 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

14. AMO was also the venue sponsor for the “2015 Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture (Hong Kong)” exhibition organised by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Biennale Foundation and staged at HDC and Kowloon Park from 11 December 2015 to 28 February 2016.

15. Apart from the educational activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and guided tours, AMO also plans to launch a series of programmes to reach out to the community in 2016:

- (a) AMO will continue to collaborate with the community organisations, such as the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, local universities and non-government organisations to promote heritage conservation, launch publicity programmes, and organise workshops and lecture series;
- (b) AMO will continue to support the International Museum Day Hong Kong which is scheduled for May 2016, the Museum Festival from end June to mid July 2016, the International Arts Carnival from July to August 2016, and the School Cultural Day Scheme for the year 2016-17 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 as partners to promote the understanding of and foster the interest in heritage. The recruitment for FOH or YFOH has been arranged regularly since their establishment. At present, there are 650 FOH members and 300 YFOH trained. AMO will recruit a new batch of YFOH in April 2016 to further enhance the partnership;
- (d) AMO will continue to provide heritage information and resources to the public through AMO’s and the Board’s websites, and the Reference Library in HDC; and
- (e) an exhibition on Hong Kong’s built heritage will be staged in Taipei in November 2016 to promote the heritage of Hong Kong.

16. AMO has revamped the webpage on graded buildings in the websites of AMO and the Board. A new search engine namely “One-stop search for information on individual buildings (1,444 and new items)” was rolled out on 31 December 2015 to facilitate the search and retrieval of information in respect of the 1,444 historic buildings and the new items.

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