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 February 2016.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In recognition of the heritage significance of Blocks 7, 10 and 25 of the old Lei Yue Mun Barracks, it is proposed to declare these three Grade 1 historic buildings as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). The proposal will be discussed under a separate agenda item vide the Board Paper AAB/27/2015-16.

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**.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

4. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects being handled by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") is set out in **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Archaeological Licences

- 5. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 February to 5 April 2016:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) 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;
 - (c) Ms Ellen Ann Cameron for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the Nga Tsin Wai Village redevelopment project (licence renewal);
 - (d) Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖) for conducting an archaeological watching brief at the provisional area for the construction of To Kwa Wan Station of the Shatin to Central Link; and
 - (e) Ms Kennis Yip Ho Sze (葉可詩) for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the proposed development at the Northern Lamma School, Lamma Island.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau and AMO from 1 February to 31 March 2016 are at **Annex D**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/to be Organised by CHO

- 7. The following activities were organised by CHO from 1 February to 31 March 2016:
 - (a) King Yin Lei Open Days for underprivileged groups under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in March 2016; and
 - (b) music performance at PMQ under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in March 2016.
- 8. The following programmes will be organised by CHO in the coming months:
 - (a) King Yin Lei Open Days for underprivileged groups under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in April 2016; and
 - (b) music performance at Stone Houses Family Garden under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in April 2016.
- 9. 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 2 538 441 visits as at 31 March 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

- 10. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 February to 31 March 2016 include:
 - (a) 259 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total attendance of 8 193. Details are set out at **Annex E**; and
 - (b) 15 workshops and 7 lectures/seminars were arranged during the period with a total of 1 131 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex F**.

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