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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF
BLOCK 3 AT OLD LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS**

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in respect of Block 3 at old Lei Yue Mun Barracks, currently the Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village, and seeks Members' advice on the findings.

HIA MECHANISM

2. The HIA in respect of Block 3 at Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village was conducted in accordance with the HIA mechanism introduced by the Development Bureau 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"¹. 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 taken and whether the public are in support of the proposed measures in the public engagement process.

¹ 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.

THE PROJECT

3. The project involves alteration and conversion of Block 3 at Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village, a Grade 2 historic building, into dormitories during normal times and used as a dedicated quarantine centre on an *ad-hoc* basis with the Department of Health overseeing the operation in case of occurrence of an infectious disease.

THE HIA

4. Given the heritage significance of Block 3 at Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has engaged a heritage consultant to conduct an HIA with a view to examining how the proposed works would affect the historic building and devising mitigation measures if adverse impact is unavoidable.

5. ArchSD has submitted the HIA report on Block 3 at Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village to the AMO for consideration. Given that all key character defining elements of Block 3 will be preserved and new additions and alterations will be kept to the minimum and reversible to the original building fabric when required, the AMO, therefore, considers the works proposal agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective and is satisfied with the recommended mitigation measures. Key points of the HIA report and AMO's comments on the report are set out in **Annexes A** and **B** respectively. The full HIA report can be accessed via the link http://www.amo.gov.hk/form/HIA_Report_LYMBLK3.pdf.

6. Representatives of the Food and Health Bureau and ArchSD, as well as their project and heritage consultants, will present the findings of the HIA report at the meeting. They will further refine the proposal in the light of Members' comments.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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