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 April 2016.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. The declaration of Blocks 7, 10 and 25 of the old Lei Yue Mun Barracks in Chai Wan as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) was gazetted on 20 May 2016.

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

Surveys/Excavations

5. The progress of archaeological project undertaken by AMO from 1 April to 15 August 2016 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

- 6. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 April to 15 August 2016:
 - (a) Ms Liu Mao (劉茂女士) for conducting an archaeological watching brief for the Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 4 Phase 2 Mains on Outlying Islands project (licence renewal); and
 - (b) Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation and an archaeological watching brief at Ha Wun Yiu Village for Tolo Harbour Sewerage of unsewered areas (licence renewal).

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

7. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of the Development Bureau and AMO from 1 April to 15 August 2016 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/to be Organised by CHO

8. The following activities were organised by CHO from 1 April to 15 August 2016:

- (a) King Yin Lei Open Days for underprivileged groups under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in April 2016 and Public Open Days in July 2016;
- (b) music performance at Stone Houses Family Garden under the "Appreciate Hong Kong" Campaign in April 2016; and
- (c) "New Life @ Heritage II" roving exhibition featuring three historic buildings under Batch II of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme from June to December 2016.
- 9. The following programmes will be organised by CHO in the coming months:
 - (a) King Yin Lei Public Open Days in August, October and November 2016; and
 - (b) "Heritage Fiesta 2016" featuring more than 20 historic buildings that offer food and beverage services from October to November 2016.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

- 10. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 April to 15 August 2016 include:
 - (a) 472 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 12 186. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and
 - (b) 48 workshops and 11 lectures/seminars were arranged during the period with a total of 3 240 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.
- 11. "Past and Present: Photos of Historic Buildings in Hong Kong" exhibition and "Declared Monuments @ Hong Kong" exhibition were staged at HDC from April to August 2016.

12. With the assistance of the Information Technology Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Geographic Information System on Hong Kong Heritage (GISH) was launched on the AMO's homepage in 2005. The newly revamped GISH will be available to the users of desktop computers or mobile devices with user-friendly interfaces and tools for easier data searching, retrieval and manipulation by late August 2016.

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