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**BOARD PAPER
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**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 November 2016.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

2. 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

3. 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

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO between 1 November 2016 and 15 February 2017 is summarised at Annex C.

Archaeological Licences

5. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 November 2016 to 15 February 2017:

- (a) Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生) for conducting (i) an archaeological investigation on Tung Lung Chau, Sai Kung; and (ii) an archaeological rescue excavation and watching brief for the Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 – Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2, Package 1 project;
- (b) Dr Guo Lixin (郭立新博士) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at Lots 196 and 197 S.A ss. 1 in Cheung Chau; and
- (c) Professor Zong Yongqiang (宗永强教授) to search for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks and soils within Hong Kong.

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

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 November 2016 to 15 February 2017 are at **Annex E.**

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

7. The following activities were organised by CHO from 1 November 2016 to 15 February 2017:

- (a) "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;

- (b) King Yin Lei Public Open Days in November 2016; and
- (c) “Heritage Fiesta 2016” featuring 25 historic buildings with food and beverage services in October and November 2016.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

8. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 November 2016 to 15 February 2017 include:

- (a) the “Reminiscences: Life in Hong Kong’s Built Heritage” exhibition started on 20 January 2017 and is being staged at the Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) until 1 May 2017. The exhibition is curated in a lively way and illustrated with a wide range of valuable relics of historic buildings and creative multi-media programmes;
- (b) 417 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of 11 947 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**;
- (c) 33 workshops and 5 lectures/seminars were arranged with a total of 1 467 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**; and
- (d) 2 special events, namely Guided Tour to King Yin Lei cum Terrazzo Craft Workshop and Former Kowloon-Canton Railway Clock Tower Toy Bricks Workshop were organised for Friends of Heritage (FOH). The responses were very encouraging.

9. Apart from the educational activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and guided tours, AMO plans to launch a series of programmes to reach out the community in 2017:

- (a) AMO will continue to enrich its exhibition programmes to foster the public’s interest in heritage;

- (b) AMO will collaborate with community organisations and local universities to promote heritage conservation, to launch publicity programmes, and to organise workshops and lecture series;
- (c) AMO will continue to support various related programmes like International Museum Day Hong Kong, Museum Festival, International Arts Carnival, School Cultural Day Scheme, etc. through contributing programmes to promote Hong Kong's heritage;
- (d) AMO will continue to enhance the FOH and Young Friends of Heritage (YFOH) schemes by recruiting new members, expanding the categories and enhancing the activities to enrich members' understanding and interest in heritage. AMO plans to recruit a new batch of FOH in May 2017; and
- (e) AMO will continue to enhance the 3D records of historic buildings.

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