

Progress of Archaeological Licences Issued since 2012 (as at 15 May 2017)

Ref.	Licensee	Project	Progress
1) AAB/43/2011-12	Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖博士)	To conduct the following archaeological works under the four licences at Sacred Hill (North) area for the construction of the To Kwa Wan Station for the Shatin-to-Central Link (SCL) project.	<p>1) Archaeological survey-cum-excavation</p> <p>The archaeological survey-cum-excavation was completed in December 2013.</p> <p>Cultural deposits dated to the early 20th century, late Qing dynasty to the Republican period as well as Song and Yuan dynasties were unearthed. The Song-Yuan deposits included coins, ceramics, burials, wells, kilns and remnants of buildings, etc.</p> <p>Four briefs regarding the archaeological discoveries were circulated to Members of the Board on 11 December 2012, 27 March 2013, 24 September 2013 and 22 November 2013 respectively. A site visit was also arranged for Members to see the</p>
2) AAB/20/2013-14			
3) AAB/31/2013-14			
4) AAB/5/2015-16			

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		<p>2) Archaeological Watching Brief (AWB) at the proposed launching shaft area due to the discovery of about 500 coins mainly dated to the Song dynasty during the construction works at the Sung Wong Toi works site in September 2013.</p>	<p>first square-shaped well unearthed in Hong Kong on 27 November 2013.</p> <p>The interim report has been uploaded onto the website of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.amo.gov.hk/form/Interim%20Report.pdf <p>2) AWB at the proposed launching shaft area</p> <p>The AWB commenced in December 2013.</p> <p>Remains of living features dated to Song-Yuan period were discovered in the area. The remnants of features include compact surface, wall structures, a water disperser, garbage deposits, drainage structures, a well, pits with wooden structures, etc.</p> <p>Two briefs on the progress and discoveries of the archaeological work were circulated to Members on 23 April 2014 and 15 May 2014. A site visit for Members was arranged on 2 May 2014.</p> <p>A further brief on MTR Corporation</p>

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			<p>Limited (MTRCL)'s sheet piling proposal for the protection of the T1 Area was circulated to Members on 15 May 2014, followed by two briefings on 15 May 2014 and 24 June 2014, as well as a special meeting on 29 May 2014 to brief Members on the details.</p> <p>Installation of sheet piling for the T1 Area commenced on 25 June 2014 and was completed on 17 July 2014 under the monitoring of the relevant government departments, MTRCL and the licensed archaeologist. Members also inspected the sheet piling works during the site visit on 21 July 2014.</p> <p>Archaeological features, such as the well and building foundations, were backfilled and the areas in-between were filled up with sand bags for protection.</p> <p>A special Board meeting on the conservation plan for the archaeological features discovered at the To Kwa Wan Station works site (including those discovered in the launching shaft area) was held on 20 November 2014. At the Board</p>

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		<p>3) AWB at the open cut area due to the significant archaeological findings of Song-Yuan period in the launching shaft area.</p>	<p>meeting on 4 December 2014, it was agreed that the archaeological features unearthed at the T1 Area including Well J1 and the building foundation would be preserved <i>in-situ</i>.</p> <p>3) AWB at the open cut area</p> <p>The AWB commenced in April 2014.</p> <p>The progress of the archaeological work was reported to Members at a special Board meeting on 29 May 2014, and the Board meetings on 4 June 2014 and 16 September 2014.</p> <p>Five briefs on the progress and discoveries of the archaeological work were circulated to Members on 12 June 2014, 15 July 2014, 18 August 2014, 15 September 2014 and 15 October 2014 respectively. A site visit was arranged on 21 July 2014 to update Members on the latest findings.</p> <p>Archaeological deposits in relation to the living features already identified in the T1 Area were also unearthed at the ventilation area and the Adit C area. Other</p>

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			<p>archaeological features include remnants of other building structures, a water channel of the early 20th century, a brickwork structure, a well of late Qing period, a pit with wooden structure, etc. Boundary of the former Sacred Hill and the nullah built during the Japanese Occupation were also identified.</p> <p>Fieldwork was completed in September 2014. Find-processing is being conducted and the final report is under preparation.</p> <p>On 20 November 2014, a special Board meeting was held to discuss the conservation plan for the archaeological features discovered during the AWB at the launching shaft and open cut areas of the To Kwa Wan Station works site. Subsequently, a site visit for Members was arranged on 26 November 2014. At the Board meeting on 4 December 2014, it was agreed that most of the above-mentioned archaeological features including the living features at the ventilation shaft and Adit C areas would be preserved <i>in-situ</i>; while Well J2 and the associated water channel would be dissembled by hand for future</p>

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			<p>reconstruction. A brief on the conservation plan for the archaeological features discovered at the construction works area of the To Kwa Wan Station was issued to Members on 17 December 2014.</p> <p>The dismantling works of Well J2 and its water channel were completed in March 2015.</p> <p>The draft final report presenting the findings of the archaeological excavations conducted under the three licences of projects (1) to (3) comprises four volumes. Taking into account the comments of AMO, the licensed archaeologist re-submitted the revised version of all four volumes of the draft final report to AMO for further consideration in March and April 2017, and AMO has highlighted its comments to be followed up by MTRCL. The report is now finalised and arrangements are being made for MTRCL to hand over the finds to AMO. Representatives of Highways Department and MTRCL will present details of the design proposal on the display and preservation of selected unearthed relics and Well J2 at the concourse of To</p>

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		4) Backfilling as part of conservation measures for the archaeological features unearthed and archaeological work for tentative small-scale excavation works.	<p>Kwa Wan Station to the Board on 8 June 2017.</p> <p>4) Backfilling and archaeological work</p> <p>The backfilling of archeological features to be preserved <i>in-situ</i> was completed in May 2015.</p> <p>As no construction works have been conducted in the area of archaeological potential, archaeological work has not been conducted under this licence so far.</p>
AAB/6/2013-14	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	<p>To conduct an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at the former Tai Hom Village for the SCL project. The construction of the Diamond Hill Station and associated structures at the former Tai Hom Village initiated by MTRCL is a designated project under the EIA Ordinance. The EIA report approved in 2012 recommends the conducting of an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at the former Tai Hom Village prior to commencement of construction works.</p> <p>Web link of the relevant chapter of the EIA report:</p>	Fieldwork was completed in September 2013. No significant archaeological finding was discovered. The final report was completed in February 2017.

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AAB/14/2013-14	Dr William Jeffery	To conduct a Marine Archaeological Investigation (MAI) of seabed off Town Island at Sai Kung, New Territories. The proposed MAI is a continuation of the Surveying and Documenting the Underwater Heritage of Hong Kong – Stage 1 research project led by the applicant and funded by the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust in 2009 and 2010. From the result of this project, a small bay off the Town Island was found to contain hundreds of ceramic artefacts. Some of them can be dated back to the mid-17 th century. The MAI aims at carrying out an in-depth survey at the small bay to recover and document the artefacts there.	Fieldwork was completed in July 2014. No shipwreck was discovered. Ceramic sherds of Qing dynasty to the modern period were discovered. The report is under preparation.
AAB/38/2013-14	Ms Sarah Heaver	To conduct a MAI for the Planning and Engineering Study on Future Land Use at Ex-Lamma Quarry Area at Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island – Feasibility Study project, which is initiated by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). It is a designated project under the EIA Ordinance. The geophysical survey of the project identified seabed anomalies to be affected by the proposed	Diver survey was completed in January 2015. No archaeological remain was identified. The MAI report is under preparation.

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		works. The MAI aims at verifying the nature of these anomalies and the result will form part of the EIA report.	
AAB/43/2013-14	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	To conduct an archaeological survey for the Formation, Roads and Drains in Area 54, Tuen Mun – Phase 1 and Phase 2 project, which is initiated by CEDD. The EIA report of Planning and Development Study of Potential Housing Site in Area 54, Tuen Mun was approved by the Environmental Protection Department in 1999. According to the EIA review report prepared by CEDD in 2011, it is recommended that further archaeological survey should be conducted to obtain more information to verify the archaeological potential of the concerned areas in Area 54, Tuen Mun and formulate appropriate mitigation measures prior to the construction phase of the project.	Fieldwork was completed in November 2015. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report was completed in February 2017.
AAB/11/2015-16	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	To conduct an archaeological investigation for the proposed Stage 5B infrastructure works at the former North Apron Area. The area covers the proposed Stage 5B infrastructure works, which is initiated by CEDD, for serving the development sites at the former North Apron Area of the former Kai Tak Airport. The project area locates in the vicinity of the construction works	Fieldwork was completed in December 2015. Pottery sherds dated to Song-Yuan period as well as archaeological remains of the early 20 th century were identified. The final report was completed in February 2017.

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		site of To Kwa Wan Station of SCL where significant archaeological findings were yielded in the archaeological work taken place recently. Archaeological review commissioned by CEDD recommends conducting archaeological investigation by phases so as to ascertain the archaeological potential within the footprint of the project area.	
AAB/11/2015-16	Ms Sarah Heaven	Apart from the desk-top study, CEDD, after completing the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA), also commissioned a marine archaeologist to monitor the relocation of the metal object for Wan Chai Development Phase II which was found 6 metres underneath the seabed during the construction works for the reclamation project. The marine archaeologist, apart from monitoring the relocation of the metal object, also ensured that as much archaeological information and evidence as possible could be retrieved before the relocation, and to record, study and classify the items retrieved.	The metal object was relocated underwater to a nearby seabed area under the monitoring of the marine archaeologist in June 2015. The final report for the desktop study has been uploaded to the website of CEDD on 28 February 2017. CEDD is preparing for the next phase of the underwater archaeological investigation to ascertain the identity of the metal object.
AAB/12/2015-16	Ms Julie Van Den Bergh	To conduct an AWB for the Sewerage Works at Wang Tong Village under the Upgrading of Mui Wo Sewage Treatment Works and Village Sewerage at Wang Tong and Yue Kwong Chuen, Lantau Island project, which is initiated by the	Fieldwork was completed in August 2016. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.

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		Drainage Services Department (DSD). The Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment report of the project prepared in 2009 recommends that an AWB should be carried out during the construction phase to oversee the excavation works at Wang Tong Village.	
AAB/20/2015-16	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	To conduct an archaeological survey for the Preliminary Development Review for Housing Sites at Tuen Mun Central – Feasibility Study which is initiated by CEDD. Since the proposed housing development at Wu Shan Recreational Playground is located within the Shek Kok Tsui Site of Archaeological Interest, an archaeological survey will be carried out to assess the archaeological impact on the proposed housing development and formulate appropriate mitigation measures in prior agreement with AMO.	Fieldwork was completed in April 2016. A few ceramic sherds and stone tools of pre-historic period, Song to Qing dynasties were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/25/2015-16	Ms Ellen Ann Cameron	To conduct an AIA for the Nga Tsin Wai Village redevelopment project, which is initiated by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The conservation study report issued by URA in 2009 recommends for an archaeological investigation to ascertain the archaeological potential of the Nga Tsin Wai village before development.	Fieldwork was completed in October 2016. The final report is under preparation.

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AAB/25/2015-16	Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖博士)	To conduct an AWB at the provisional area for the construction of To Kwa Wan Station of SCL, which is initiated by MTRCL to ensure that any further potential or suspected archaeological deposits identified during construction can be properly addressed.	AWB commenced in June 2016 and is still underway.
AAB/29/2015-16	Ms Liu Mao (劉茂女士)	To conduct an AWB in Peng Chau for the Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 4 Phase 2 – Mains on Outlying Islands project, which is initiated by the Water Supplies Department to replace and rehabilitate the aged water mains on outlying islands. The Final Environmental Review report, which was issued in 2010, recommends that an AWB should be carried out during the construction phase to oversee the excavation works for the alignments within or in close proximity to Lo So Shing, Peng Chau and Pui O Sites of Archaeological Interest.	Due to the existence of underground drainage pipes and electricity cables at the site, DSD confirmed in April 2017 that no excavation works could be conducted and hence no AWB would be required.
AAB/29/2015-16	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	To conduct an archaeological rescue excavation and an AWB at Ha Wun Yiu Village for Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas. Based on the final AIA report issued in 2009, AWB for all impacted areas that fall within the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest is recommended during the construction phase. Further evaluation was conducted according to the	AWB commenced in January 2016. The licence was renewed in June 2016 to tie in with the schedule of the sewerage works. Fieldwork is still underway.

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		updated detailed design in 2012. Rescue excavation at some works areas with significant archaeological potential is also required in addition to the AWB.	
AAB/30/2015-16	Dr Michael Atha (范旻濤博士)	To conduct an archaeological excavation and search on the island of Yim Tin Tsai, Sai Kung. The project aims at providing a fieldwork training opportunity for undergraduate students of the Department of Anthropology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and conducting further investigation into the character and extent of the Han site where deposits of the Han dynasty were discovered during an archaeological survey-cum-excavation by the Hong Kong Archaeological Society conducted in 2013.	Fieldwork was completed in December 2016. A few pottery sherds of Han dynasty were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/30/2015-16	Mr Ng Chun Nam (吳震霖先生)	To conduct an AWB at San Tsuen and Nga Yiu Tau for Pak Hok Lam Trunk Sewer and Sha Tau Kok Village Sewerage, which is part of the North District Sewerage Stage 2 (remainder) and sewerage to Chuen Lung, Kau Wa Keng Old Village and Lo Wai project initiated by DSD. A final Preliminary Environmental Review (PER) report was completed in 2010 during the investigation phase of the project. The PER report recommended that AWB should be carried	Fieldwork was completed in November 2016. No archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.

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		out in the proposed sewerage works areas of archaeological potential in San Tsuen and Nga Yiu Tau during the construction phase to oversee the excavation works. A licence was granted in June 2015 for this AWB but the construction works are yet to be completed. This is a renewal of the licence to tie in with the construction works schedule for carrying out the remaining AWB.	
AAB/30/2015-16	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	To conduct an AWB for a section of the proposed road L54A for Site Formation and Infrastructural Works near Tong Hang Road and Tsz Tin Road in Area 54, Tuen Mun, which is initiated by CEDD. The proposed AWB aims at ensuring that the construction works would not disturb the in-situ archaeological remains identified at two test pits in the archaeological survey in 2000; and to salvage and record any archaeological remains unearthed in the licence area in the course of the construction works. In case significant archaeological finds are identified, AMO will be informed immediately and appropriate mitigation measures will be proposed and implemented in prior agreement with AMO.	Fieldwork commenced in September 2016 and is still underway.
AAB/30/2015-16	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung	To conduct an AIA for the proposed residential development in “Residential (Group E)” Zone at	Fieldwork was completed in December 2016. No significant archaeological remain was

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	(吳偉鴻先生)	various lots in D.D. 130 and adjoining government land, Lam Tei, Tuen Mun, which is initiated by Join Smart Limited. It is stipulated in the approval for the concerned planning application that the project proponent is required to submit a detailed AIA and implement mitigation measures identified by the assessment to the satisfaction of the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services or the Town Planning Board. The proposed AIA aims at ascertaining the possible existence, extent and significance of archaeological remains in the licence area for assessing archaeological impact arising from the proposed residential development, and to formulate appropriate mitigation measures in prior agreement with AMO.	identified. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/36/2015-16	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	To conduct an archaeological investigation on Tung Lung Chau, Sai Kung, for the Hong Kong Archaeological Society Limited, which is a research project with financial support from the Government. It aims to ascertain the archaeological significance of Nam Tong Village and its vicinity on northern Tung Lung Chau.	Fieldwork was completed in December 2016. Artefacts of Song dynasty such as ceramic sherds, floor tiles and tile end were unearthed. The final report was completed in February 2017.
AAB/39/2015-16	Dr Guo Lixin (郭立新博士)	To conduct an archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at Lots 196 and 197 S.A. ss.1 in D.D. Cheung Chau, which is	Fieldwork commenced in January 2017 and is still underway.

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		initiated by the Wide Will Corporation Limited. It is stipulated in the approval for the concerned planning application that an Archaeological Action Plan (AAP) should be submitted to AMO and mitigation measures should be implemented in accordance with the approved AAP. Based on the baseline and impact assessment studies, the AAP recommends carrying out an archaeological rescue excavation to retrieve archaeological data and cultural remains at the aforesaid lots prior to the commencement of any excavation works.	
AAB/39/2015-16	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	To conduct an archaeological rescue excavation and watching brief for the sewerage 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, which is initiated by DSD. Based on the PER report of the project issued in 2010, an AWB is recommended for some works areas at Yung Shue Wan Back Street, Sha Po New Village and Yung Shue Long New Village during the construction phase of the project while rescue excavation is proposed for some other works areas at Yung Shue Wan Back Street with significant archaeological potential.	Fieldwork commenced in February 2017 and is still underway.

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AAB/39/2015-16	Prof Zong Yongqiang (宗永强教授)	To search for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks and soils within Hong Kong on behalf of the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Hong Kong for teaching and research purposes.	Fieldwork schedule to be confirmed.
AAB/1/2017-18	Mr Wang Wenjian (王文建先生)	To conduct an archaeological survey-cum-excavation for the proposed public housing development at the “Comprehensive Development Area” (CDA) in Diamond Hill, Kowloon which is initiated by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA). Based on the archaeological review report issued in 2016, an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at two areas covered by tress within the CDA site was recommended to be conducted to identify, salvage and record archaeological data and cultural remains prior to the commencement of any construction works. Mr Wang is commissioned by HKHA to conduct an archaeological survey-cum-excavation at one of the two areas.	Fieldwork commenced in April 2017 and is still underway.
AAB/1/2017-18	Dr William Jeffery	To conduct a marine archaeological survey and excavation of an anchor stock site on the southern tip off High Island and a Basalt Island cannon site on behalf of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. The purposes of the marine	The survey and excavation were conducted in July 2016. The licence was renewed in March 2017 to facilitate the completion of the survey and excavation works. Subsequent fieldwork schedule has yet to be confirmed.

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		archaeological work are to conduct further survey work on both sites as well as to recover the second cannon from the Basalt Island site. Dr Jeffery was granted a licence to conduct survey and excavation on 24 August 2015.	
AAB/1/2017-18	Ms Kennis Yip Ho Sze (葉可詩女士)	To conduct an archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at the Northern Lamma School, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island which is initiated by the Education Bureau. The proposed development includes the construction of a new annex block, demolition of several temporary structures and an existing building within the school compound. Based on the archaeological impact assessment report issued in 2016, rescue excavation in an area of archaeological potential within the school boundary was recommended to be conducted to salvage archaeological data and cultural remains prior to the commencement of any construction works.	Fieldwork was completed in April 2017. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.