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 2017.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In recognition of the heritage signficiance of Tung Lin Kok Yuen in Happy Valley, Kowloon Union Church in Yau Ma Tei and Yeung Hau Temple in Tai O, it is proposed to declare these three Grade 1 historic buildings as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the "Ordinance"). Site visits to these three historic buildings for the Board were held on 24 and 25 May 2017. The proposal is under a separate agenda item vide Board Paper AAB/9/2017-18.

Declaration of Proposed Monument

3. At the meeting on 9 March 2017, the Board recommended declaring Hung Lau as proposed monument under the Ordinance. The declaration was published in the Gazette on 13 March 2017 and would be effective for a period of 12 months from the date of gazettal. The Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau and the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") are in discussion with the owner of Hung Lau to explore feasible preservation-cum-development options and will update the Board at a suitable juncture. Meanwhile, AMO is conducting research on the

heritage value of Hung Lau and reviewing the historcial information available.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

4. 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

5. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects being handled by AMO is set out in **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys/Excavations/Environmental Impact Assessments

6. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO from 1 February to 15 May 2017, and archaeological works of the approved Environmental Impact Assessments are summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

- 7. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 February to 15 May 2017:
 - (a) Mr Wang Wenjian (王文建先生) for conducting an archaeological survey-cum-excavation for the proposed public housing development at "Comprehensive Development Area" in Diamond Hill, Kowloon;
 - (b) Dr William Jeffery for conducting a marine archaeological survey and excavation of an anchor stock site on the southern tip off High Island and a Basalt Island cannon site (licence renewal); and
 - (c) Ms Kennis Yip Ho Sze (葉可詩女士) for conducting an archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at the Northern Lamma School, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island.

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

8. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by CHO and AMO from 1 February to 15 May 2017 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

- 9. The following activities will be organised by CHO in the latter half of 2017:
 - (a) "Heritage Vogue Hollywood Road" street carnival to tie in with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") with an array of cultural and arts activities to be held on Hollywood Road and Upper Lascar Row on 1 and 2 July 2017;
 - (b) King Yin Lei Public Open Days on 8 and 9 July, 12 and 13 August, as well as in September and October 2017 to tie in with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR; and
 - (c) "Heritage Fiesta 2017" featuring historic buildings that reflect law and order in Hong Kong from October to November 2017.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

- 10. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 February to 15 May 2017 include:
 - (a) the "Reminiscences: Life in Hong Kong's Built Heritage" exhibition at Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") ended on 31 May 2017;

- (b) 435 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, the HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of 9 283 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and
 - (c) 37 workshops and 9 lectures/seminars were arranged with a total of 2 226 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G**.

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