MEMORANDUM FOR THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

DESIGN ON THE DISPLAY AND PRESERVATION OF THE RELICS UNEARTHED AT THE WORKS SITE OF TO KWA WAN STATION

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposed design regarding the display and preservation of selected relics unearthed at the works site of the future To Kwa Wan Station.

BACKGROUND

2. The Board held a special meeting to discuss the relics unearthed at the works site of To Kwa Wan Station, and paid a visit to the works site on 20 and 26 November 2014 respectively. Highways Department ("HyD") and the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") undertook to revise the design of To Kwa Wan Station to accommodate the display of selected unearthed relics from the construction site for public appreciation. They further briefed the Board on the different conservation options for Well J2 and its associated water channel, as well as the stone structures at the southern end of Adit C on 4 December 2014, adding that it would be technically feasible to accommodate a dormer window at the ceiling of the station concourse for reinstating Well J2. After due deliberations, the Board agreed to dismantle Well J2 and the associated water channel, and then reassemble them at the same location, not necessarily at the same level, to facilitate proper interpretation and public appreciation. MTRCL was requested to allow flexibility in its station design to accommodate Well J2, and the Board should be consulted regarding the design of To Kwa Wan Station for accommodating Well J2 and the display of the relics.

DESIGN PROPOSAL OF MTRCL

3. MTRCL has recently finalised the design on the display and preservation of selected unearthed relics and Well J2 at the concourse of To Kwa Wan Station (please refer to <u>Annex</u>). Representatives from HyD and MTRCL will present details of the design proposal and seek the advice of the Board.

ADVICE SOUGHT

4. Members are invited to offer their views on the design proposal for the display and preservation of selected unearthed relics and Well J2.

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