

**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 August 2017.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. The declaration of Tung Lin Kok Yuen in Happy Valley, Kowloon Union Church in Yau Ma Tei and Yeung Hau Temple in Tai O as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) was gazetted on 13 October 2017. The subsidiary legislation to this effect was tabled for negative vetting at the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) sitting of 18 October 2017. A subcommittee was formed to scrutinise the subsidiary legislation, and a meeting was held on 31 October 2017. Upon the lapse of the scrutiny period on 15 November 2017, the subsidiary legislation was made.

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 between August and November 2017 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

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

- (a) Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生) for conducting an archaeological investigation at Nam Tong, Tung Lung Chau, Sai Kung;
- (b) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting a marine archaeological investigation for the Ultra Express Link Submarine Cable System between Siu Sai Wan and Tseung Kwan O;
- (c) Ms Kennis Yip Ho Sze (葉可詩女士) for conducting an archaeological investigation of stone "altar" structures on the summit of Kwun Yam Shan in the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, Tai Po; and
- (d) Mr Wang Fei (王飛先生) for conducting an archaeological impact assessment for the proposed construction of five New Territories Exempted Houses in "Village Type Development" Zone on Government Land in D.D. 275, Ham Tin, Tai Long Wan, Sai Kung.

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 August to 15 November 2017 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

8. Programmes and activities organised by CHO from 1 August to 15 November 2017 include:

- (a) “King Yin Lei Public Open Days” on 12 and 13 August, 23 and 24 September, and 21 and 22 October 2017 to tie in with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, attracting around 10 900 visitors;
- (b) “Heritage Fiesta 2017” featuring 15 historic buildings that are related to Hong Kong’s law and order from October to November 2017; and
- (c) a roving exhibition on the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme featuring eight revitalised buildings as an extended activity of the “Heritage Vogue • Hollywood Road” street carnival from 1 October 2017 to 28 February 2018.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

9. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 August to 15 November 2017 include:

- (a) the “Inheritance: Ceramic Art of Chashan Kiln” exhibition, jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and Chi Lin Nunnery, was held from 30 June to 3 September 2017;
- (b) the “Sailing the Seven Seas: Legends of Maritime Trade of Ming Dynasty” exhibition, jointly presented by LCSD and Guangdong Museum, and staged at the Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”), was open on 3 November 2017 and will be staged until 4 March 2018;
- (c) 302 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of 12 537 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and

- (d) 14 workshops and 6 lectures/seminars were arranged with a total of 1 268 participants. Details of the lectures and workshops are at **Annex G.**

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