

**For discussion  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF  
THE FITTING-OUT WORKS AT  
THE FORMER YAU MA TEI POLICE STATION**

**PURPOSE**

This paper seeks Members' views on the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") in respect of the fitting-out works at the Former Yau Ma Tei Police Station, for the use as office accommodation by the Operations Section of Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF").

**HIA MECHANISM**

2. The HIA in respect of the fitting-out works at the Former Yau Ma Tei Police Station was conducted in accordance with the HIA mechanism introduced by the Development Bureau vide Technical Circular (Works) No. 6/2009. Since its implementation from 1 January 2008, the HIA mechanism for capital works projects emphasises that every effort should be made to avoid or minimise adverse impact by the proposed works arising from Government's capital works projects on "heritage sites"<sup>1</sup>. In the submission to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the works agent is required to include a "Heritage Implications" paragraph to be cleared by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO"), stating clearly whether the project will affect any

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<sup>1</sup> Heritage sites include:  
(i) all declared monuments;  
(ii) all proposed monuments;  
(iii) all sites and buildings graded by the Antiquities Advisory Board;  
(iv) all recorded sites of archaeological interest; and  
(v) government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

“heritage sites” and if so, the necessary mitigation measures, as endorsed by the Antiquities Advisory Board, to be implemented.

## THE PROJECT

3. The project is proposed by HKPF to convert part of the ground floor and the entire first floor of the main block of the Former Yau Ma Tei Police Station into office accommodation for the Operations Section of Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau.

4. The Former Yau Ma Tei Police Station was completed in 1923 on reclaimed land close to the old shoreline along Ferry Street, which came into being after the area’s 1904 reclamation. It is the second generation of police station built in the area. The police station had undergone expansion with the construction of a new block and an addition on the second floor of the main block in 1950s, as well as the alternations over the years. The building has been used by HKPF for over 90 years. It was accorded a Grade 2 status by the Board in 2009.

## THE HIA

5. Given the heritage significance of the Former Yau Ma Tei Police Station, AMO confirmed that an HIA would be required for the fitting-out works. Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) has engaged a heritage consultant to conduct an HIA with a view to examining to what extent the proposed works would affect the historic building and devising mitigation measures if adverse impact is unavoidable.

6. Under ArchSD’s HIA report, all key character defining elements of the police station will be preserved and the new addition and alterations will be kept to a minimum and can be reversible when required. AMO considers the works proposal agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective. The recommended mitigation measures are also considered in order. Key points of the HIA report and AMO’s comments are set out in **Annexes A and B** respectively. The full HIA report can be accessed via the following link:

[http://www.aab.gov.hk/form/HIA\\_Report\\_ymtps.pdf](http://www.aab.gov.hk/form/HIA_Report_ymtps.pdf).

7. Representatives of the Operations Section of Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of HKPF and ArchSD, as well as their project and heritage consultants, will present the HIA report at the meeting. They will further refine the proposal in the light of Members' comments.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

8. Members are invited to offer comments and advice on the findings of the HIA.

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