# 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 November 2017.

#### HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

# **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures**

2. 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**

3. 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

4. The progress of the archaeological project undertaken by AMO between November 2017 and February 2018, and the archaeological work under the approved Environmental Impact Assessment are summarised at **Annex C**.

### **Archaeological Licences**

- 5. On Members' recommendations, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018:
  - (a) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting (i) an archaeological impact assessment; and (ii) a further excavation for the Nga Tsin Wai Village redevelopment project;
  - (b) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting a marine archaeological investigation for the Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun (Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat Section) project; and
  - (c) Professor Zhou Meifu (周美夫教授) for conducting an excavation and search for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks and soils within Hong Kong.

Progress of the archaeological projects with licences issued is summarised at  $\underline{\mathbf{Annex}\ \mathbf{D}}$ .

### **EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY**

## **Statistics**

6. Statistics on publicity and educational activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") of the Development Bureau and AMO from 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018 are at **Annex E**.

# **Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO**

- 7. Programmes and activities organised by CHO from 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018 include:
  - (a) "Heritage Fiesta 2017" featuring 15 historic buildings that are related to Hong Kong's law and order from 1 October to 30 November 2017, attracting over 49 600 visitors; and
  - (b) 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, attracting over 113 800 visitors.

# **Educational Programmes Organised by AMO**

- 8. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018 include:
  - (a) the "Sailing the Seven Seas: Legends of Maritime Trade of Ming Dynasty" exhibition, jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Guangdong Museum, and staged at the Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC"), was held from 3 November 2017 to 4 March 2018;
  - (b) 418 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery and Government House with a total of 9 322 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and
  - (c) 27 workshops and 9 lectures/seminars were arranged with a total of 2 397 participants. Details of the lectures/seminars and workshops are at **Annex G**.

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