

**For information
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**BOARD PAPER
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**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 March 2018.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In recognition of the heritage significance of May Hall, Eliot Hall and Fung Ping Shan Building of The University of Hong Kong (the “University”), it is proposed to declare the exteriors of these three Grade 1 historic buildings as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). Site visit to these three historic buildings for the Board was held on 3 May 2018. The proposal, set out in Board Paper AAB/29/2017-18, will be considered under a separate agenda item .

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

3. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures in the Board’s radar screen 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 the archaeological project undertaken by AMO between March and May 2018 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

6. 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 March to 31 May 2018 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

8. The following programmes and activities will be organised by CHO in the coming three months:

- (a) King Yin Lei Public Open Days to be held on 23 and 24 June, as well as on 28 and 29 July 2018; and
- (b) "Heritage Fiesta 2018" featuring 16 historic buildings that are related to serving the community held from 1 June to 31 July 2018.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

9. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 March to 31 May 2018 include:

- (a) the "A Gateway to the World: Photo Exhibition of Guangzhou and

the Maritime Silk Road”, presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Office of Application for UNESCO World Cultural Heritage for Maritime Silk Road, Guangzhou and the Archaeological Site Museum of Nanyue Palace, was opened on 30 March 2018 and staged at the Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) until 20 May 2018;

- (b) 423 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery and Government House with a total of 10 420 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**;
- (c) 30 workshops and 7 lectures/seminars were arranged with a total of 2 192 participants. Details of the lectures/seminars and workshops are at **Annex G**; and
- (d) the new batch of 50 Young Friends of Heritage has been recruited. Orientation and activities for them will be held in July 2018.

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