

Progress of Archaeological Licences Issued since 2013 (as at 15 February 2019)

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AAB/38/2013-14	Ms Sarah Heaver	The Marine Archaeological Investigation (MAI) for the Planning and Engineering Study on Future Land Use at Ex-Lamma Quarry Area at Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island – Feasibility Study project is initiated by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). It is a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance. The geophysical survey of the project identified seabed anomalies to be affected by the proposed works. The MAI aims at verifying the nature of these anomalies and the result will form part of the EIA report.	Diver survey was completed in January 2015. No archaeological remain was identified. The MAI report is under preparation.
AAB/29/2015-16	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	The archaeological rescue excavation and the Archeological Watching Brief (AWB) at Ha Wun Yiu Village for Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas were conducted based on the final Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) report issued in 2009. An AWB for all impacted areas that fall within the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest is recommended during the construction phase. Further evaluation was conducted according to the updated detailed design in 2012. Rescue excavation at some works areas with significant archaeological	The archaeological work at Ha Wun Yiu was completed. Archaeological features, including kiln remains and blue and white porcelain sherds of Wun Yiu, were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.

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		potential is also required in addition to the AWB.	
AAB/30/2015-16	Dr Michael Atha (范旻濤博士)	The archaeological excavation and search on the island of Yim Tin Tsai, Sai Kung aims at providing a fieldwork training opportunity for undergraduate students of the Department of Anthropology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and conducting further investigation into the character and extent of the Han site where deposits of the Han dynasty were unearthed during an archaeological survey-cum-excavation by the Hong Kong Archaeological Society conducted in 2013.	Fieldwork was completed in December 2016. A few pottery sherds of Han dynasty were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/39/2015-16	Dr Guo Lixin (郭立新博士)	The archaeological rescue excavation for the proposed development at Lots 196 and 197 S.A. ss.1 in D.D. Cheung Chau is initiated by Wide Will Corporation Limited. It is stipulated in the approval for the concerned planning application that an Archaeological Action Plan (AAP) should be submitted to the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) and mitigation measures should be implemented in accordance with the approved AAP. Based on the baseline and impact assessment studies, the AAP recommends conducting an archaeological rescue excavation to retrieve archaeological data and cultural remains at the aforesaid lots prior to the	Fieldwork was completed in December 2017. Pottery sherds and stone tools of Neolithic period were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.

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		commencement of any excavation work.	
AAB/39/2015-16	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	The archaeological rescue excavation and watching brief for the sewerage works at Yung Shue Wan Site of Archaeological Interest, Lamma Island under the Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 – Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2, Package 1 project are initiated by the Drainage Services Department (DSD). Based on the Preliminary Environmental Review report of the project issued in 2010, an AWB is recommended for some works areas at Yung Shue Wan Back Street, Sha Po New Village and Yung Shue Long New Village during the construction phase of the project while rescue excavation is proposed for some other works areas at Yung Shue Wan Back Street with significant archaeological potential.	Fieldwork was completed in October 2017. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/12/2017-18	Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖博士)	The AWB at the provisional area for the construction of Sung Wong Toi Station of Shatin-to-Central Link is initiated by MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to identify any further archaeological potential or suspected archaeological deposits that may be unearthed during construction and ensure them to be properly addressed. The AWB commissioned for the provisional area may involve further	Fieldwork was completed in July 2018. No archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.

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		excavation work. Dr Liu was granted a licence to conduct the AWB in April 2016. The AWB also includes inspection of the backfilling works at T1 within the provisional area for better preservation of the unearthed archaeological features dated to the Song-Yuan dynasties.	
AAB/12/2017-18	Dr Zheng Junlei (鄭君雷博士)	The AWB at Kei Lun Wai and Fu Tei Ha Tsuen for the Castle Peak Road Trunk Sewer and Tuen Mun Village Sewerage project is initiated by DSD. Since some of the sewerage works areas fall within the Kei Lun Wai and Fu Tei Ha Sites of Archaeological Interest, an AWB is required to oversee the excavation work within these areas.	Fieldwork was completed in June 2018. No archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/18/2017-18	Mr Wang Fei (王飛先生)	The AIA 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 is commissioned by the consultancy firm representing the building applicants to evaluate the archaeological impact on the proposed construction within the Ham Tin Site of Archaeological Interest and formulate mitigation measures, according to the conditions of planning approval issued by the Town Planning Board (TPB).	Fieldwork was completed in April 2018. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report was agreed by AMO in December 2018.

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AAB/23/2017-18	Ms Julie Van Den Bergh	<p>(i) The conservation study report on Nga Tsin Wai commissioned by Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in 2009 recommended an archaeological investigation to ascertain the archaeological potential of the village before redevelopment. Ms Julie Van Den Bergh was commissioned by URA to complete the remaining fieldwork of the AIA.</p> <p>(ii) URA initiated and commissioned a further excavation in the village site to further assess the impact of the redevelopment project on heritage conservation and to recommend mitigation measures as appropriate.</p>	<p>(i) The fieldwork for the remaining AIA work was completed in November 2018. The final report is under preparation.</p> <p>(ii) Fieldwork for the further excavation was completed in December 2018. The final report is under preparation.</p>
AAB/23/2017-18	Ms Sarah Heaver	The MAI for the Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun (Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat Section) project is initiated by CEDD. The purpose of the MAI is to conduct a diver survey to locate, identify and assess the significance of any underwater archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed development and propose appropriate mitigation measures to minimise the impact on the underwater cultural heritage.	Fieldwork was completed in March 2018. No marine archaeological remain was identified. The final report was agreed by AMO in November 2018.

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AAB/23/2017-18	Prof Zhou Meifu (周美夫教授)	To conduct an excavation and search for fossils in the areas of sedimentary rocks and soils in Hong Kong on behalf of the Department of Earth Sciences of The University of Hong Kong for teaching and research purposes.	Fieldwork schedule is to be confirmed.
AAB/26/2017-18	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	To conduct an AIA for the proposed residential development at Tuen Mun Town Lot No. 417, Tai Lam Chung, Tuen Mun initiated by Sun Hung Kai Real Estate Agency Limited, in accordance with the advisory clauses in the approval letter given by TPB, and to recommend appropriate mitigation measures, if necessary.	Fieldwork was completed in November 2018. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/26/2017-18	Mr Steven Ng Wai Hung (吳偉鴻先生)	The archaeological field survey is conducted for the proposed site formation works for Sai Sha Road widening as part of the comprehensive residential and recreational development in the “Comprehensive Development Area” zone in various lots in D.D.165, 167, 207 and 218 and adjoining government lands at Sai Sha, Shap Sz Heung in Sai Kung North. Since part of the site formation works falls within the Che Ha Site of Archaeological Interest, the field survey is proposed to ascertain the possible existence, extent and significance of archaeological remains in the Licence Area for assessing archaeological impact arising from the proposed works with	Fieldwork was completed in July 2018. No significant archaeological remain was identified. The final report was agreed by AMO in November 2018.

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		recommendation of appropriate mitigation measures if necessary.	
AAB/35/2017-18	Mr Wang Hong (王宏先生)	To conduct an archaeological investigation at Nam Tong, Tung Lung Chau, Sai Kung for the Hong Kong Archaeological Society Limited (HKASL), which is a research project with financial support from the Government. It aims to conduct further investigation to retrieve archaeological data to facilitate the further study of the architectural remains discovered during the archaeological investigation by HKASL conducted in 2017. Members of HKASL will take part in the proposed archaeological work.	Fieldwork was completed in November 2018. Stone architectural remains with broken tiles were unearthed. The final report is under preparation.
AAB/40/2017-18	Dr Liu Wensuo (劉文鎖博士)	The archaeological survey is initiated by MTRCL to assess the feasibility for providing a passenger connection from Sung Wong Toi Station to Pak Tai Street, which likely has impact on the archaeological potential area.	Fieldwork commenced in January 2019 and is still underway.
AAB/40/2017-18	Prof David Parham	The MAI for the metal object at the seabed of Wan Chai is initiated by CEDD. The metal object was originally found near the ex-Wan Chai Ferry Pier and was relocated to its current location in 2015 under the monitoring of a qualified marine archaeologist. Subsequent to the relocation of the metal object, CEDD initiates	The archaeological work commenced in January 2019 and is still underway.

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		a marine archaeological investigation to further investigate the identity and ownership of the metal object; and to establish its heritage value, if any.	
AAB/40/2017-18	Ms Kennis Yip Ho Sze (葉可詩女士)	To conduct an archaeological survey as further confirmatory exploration works for Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Developments at Tuen Mun Central – Investigation, Design and Construction initiated by CEDD. As advised in the Preliminary Built Heritage and Archaeological Impact Assessment under Preliminary Development Review for Housing Sites at Tuen Mun Central – Feasibility Study, the proposed archaeological survey aims to generate further data on potential archaeological deposits for evaluating archaeological impact arising from the proposed housing developments with recommendation of appropriate mitigation measures, if necessary.	Fieldwork commenced in February 2019 and is still underway.