

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

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the nine items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5, endorsing the proposed grading of the four items set out in paragraph 6, and to note the updated position of the grading assessment set out in paragraphs 7 to 9 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 6 December 2018:

- (a) 180 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 373 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 545 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 328 items with no grading;
- (e) 46 items with no further processing due to their declaration as monuments; and
- (f) 25 items with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Proposed Grading Endorsed at the Last Meeting

3. At the meeting on 6 December 2018, Members endorsed the

proposed grading of the Entrance Gate in San Wai, Ha Tsuen, the Lo Ancestral Hall in Wo Hop Shek Village, and No. 17 Yuk Sau Street in Happy Valley as listed at **Annex A**. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the three items was carried out. No written submission on the proposed grading of the three items was received. Members are invited to confirm their proposed grading.

Confirmation of Grading for Cases where Objection(s) have been Received

4. As at 6 December 2018, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 64 of them has been endorsed by the Board but yet to be confirmed due to objection(s) received during public consultation earlier. The grading system is administrative in nature and does not affect the ownership, usage, management and development rights of the buildings concerned. With a view to better recognising the heritage value of these historic buildings, and wrapping up the grading of the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) will continue to invite the Board to review and confirm the proposed grading of these buildings, having regard to the circumstances of individual cases.

(a) **Shing Kwong Church, The Church of Christ in China, No. 7 Eastern Hospital Road, Causeway Bay (Item 1 listed at Annex B)**

(b) **Front Block, Chinese Rhenish Church, Hong Kong, No. 86A Bonham Road, Mid-Levels (Item 2 listed at Annex B)**

(c) **Kowloon Methodist Church, No. 40 Gascoigne Road, Yau Ma Tei (Item 3 at Annex B)**

(d) **Nos. 191-197 Shan Pui, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Item 4 listed at Annex B)**

(e) **No. 23 Lung Tin Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Item 5 listed at Annex B)**

(f) **No. 173 Tai Kei Leng, Yuen Long (Item 6 listed at Annex B)**

5. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 2 status for Shing Kwong Church, and the proposed Grade 3 status for the Front Block of Chinese Rhenish Church, Kowloon Methodist Church, Nos. 191-197 Shan Pui, No. 23 Lung Tin Tsuen, and No. 173 Tai Kei Leng in March 2009. Objections from the respective owners of the six buildings were received during public consultation earlier. The relevant objection letters and replies have been

provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

New Items for Grading Assessment

6. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of the Masonry Bridge in Pok Fu Lam Reservoir, the Tunnel Portal of Water Mains from No. 5 Dam in Choi Sai Woo Park, North Point, the Tin Hau Temple in San Tsuen, Tai O, and Nos. 301 and 303 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po. The recommended proposed grading for the items are at **Annex C**. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of the items and their respective heritage appraisals to the website of the Board for a one-month public consultation in accordance with the established practice. We will report to Members the views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

UPDATED LIST OF 1 444 HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND THE LIST OF NEW ITEMS

7. As mentioned in paragraph 4 above, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading of 64 items is pending confirmation owing to objection(s) received during the public consultation carried out back in 2009. The latest position of the list of 1 444 historic buildings is at **Annex D**.

8. As per the prevailing practice, the public may also make suggestions for grading assessment since 2009, which make up a list of new items. Among the 300 items on the list of new items, the grading of 170 of which has been confirmed by the Board. The list of new items with updated grading assessment is at **Annex E**.

UPDATED POSITION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED AND SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED

9. In the past two years, there is no record of graded building undergone substantial alteration but seven were demolished including one Grade 2 building, five Grade 3 buildings and one proposed Grade 3 building. Having noted that Nos. 67 and 69 Des Voeux Road West, Sai Ying Pun (N21)

was demolished, its grading assessment will not be proceeded further.

ADVICE SOUGHT

10. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above;
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 6 above; and
 - (c) note the updated position of the graded buildings and grading assessment set out in paragraphs 7 to 9 above.

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