

**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 February 2019.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In recognition of the heritage significance of Yuk Hui Temple at Wan Chai and Hau Mei Fung Ancestral Hall at Sheung Shui, both Grade 1 historic buildings, as well as the newly discovered rock carving at Cape Collinson, it is proposed to declare the three items as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). The proposal, set out in Board Paper AAB/5/2019-20, is under a separate agenda item.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

3. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures on the Board's radar screen is set out in Annex A.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

4. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects being undertaken by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") is set out in Annex B.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys/Excavations

5. The progress of an archaeological project undertaken by AMO between 1 February and 15 May 2019 is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

6. On Members' recommendation, the following licences were granted during the period from 1 February to 15 May 2019:

- (a) Ms Sarah Heaver for conducting (i) a marine archaeological investigation at Yi O for the Study for Pier Improvement conducted by the Civil Engineering and Development Department, and (ii) a marine archaeological investigation for the Tseung Kwan O Connect Cable System between Siu Sai Wan and Tseung Kwan O;
- (b) Mr Ng Wai Hung, Steven (吳偉鴻先生) for conducting a further archaeological impact assessment for comprehensive residential and recreational development in the "Comprehensive Development Area" zone in various lots in D.D.165, 207 and 218 and adjoining government land at Sai Sha, Shap Sz Heung in Tai Po;
- (c) Ms Julie Van Den Bergh for conducting a preliminary archaeological survey for Lung Tsun Stone Bridge Preservation Corridor at Kai Tak Development; and
- (d) 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 (licence renewal).

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") and AMO from 1 February to 15 May 2019 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised/to be Organised by CHO

8. The following activity was organised by CHO from 1 February to 15 May 2019:

- (a) "Revitalised Historic Buildings Instagram Photo Competition" promoting the revitalised historic buildings under Batches I to III of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme from 5 April to 2 May 2019.

9. The following activities will be organised in the coming three months:

- (a) "Heritage Fiesta 2019" featuring 24 historic buildings that were previously or are still being used as quarters from 1 June to 31 July 2019;
- (b) King Yin Lei Public Open Days to be held on 29 and 30 June, 20 and 21 July, and 17 and 18 August 2019; and
- (c) roving exhibition themed "Winning Entries of the Revitalised Historic Buildings Instagram Photo Competition" from 6 August to 31 December 2019 at F11 Foto Museum, shopping malls, public libraries and government venues.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

10. Major educational activities organised by AMO from 1 February to 15 May 2019 include:

- (a) “The 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition – Hong Kong Response Exhibition, Vertical Fabric: Density in Landscape, 100 Towers 100 Architects”, organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Biennale Foundation, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Planning Department with AMO’s venue support, is being staged at Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) from 26 April to 23 June 2019;
- (b) 419 guided tours were organised at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of over 10 750 participants. Details are set out at **Annex F**; and
- (c) 29 workshops and 6 lectures/seminars were arranged, with a total of over 1 370 participants. Details of the lectures/seminars and workshops are at **Annex G**.

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