

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 14 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraph 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 13 June 2019:

- (a) 181 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 380 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 555 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) 26 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 13 June 2019, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the University Lodge of The University of Hong Kong, the

ex-Portuguese Community School at No. 7 Cox's Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, and Nos. 26A – C Graham Street, Central 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 Grade 2 status of the ex-Portuguese Community School was received. One written submission objecting to the proposed Grade 1 status of the University Lodge and seven written submissions on the proposed Grade 3 status of Nos. 26A – C Graham Street (i.e. one support, one objection and five expressing their views on the future conservation approach of the item, though their stance on the proposed grading was not indicated) were received during the public consultation period. All submissions have been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting.

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

4. As at 13 June 2019, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 53 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) No. 172 Queen's Road Central (No. 123 Wellington Street), Central
(Item 1 at **Annex B**)

(b) No. 174 Queen's Road Central (No. 125 Wellington Street), Central
(Item 2 at **Annex B**)

(c) No. 176 Queen's Road Central (No. 127 Wellington Street), Central
(Item 3 at **Annex B**)

(d) Felix Villas, No. 61 Mount Davis Road (Item 4 at **Annex B**)

(e) Felix Villas, Garage, No. 61 Mount Davis Road (Item 5 at **Annex B**)

(f) S.K.H. St. Mary's Church, General Office, No. 2A Tung Lo Wan Road,
Causeway Bay (Item 6 at **Annex B**)

(g) Lau Village House, Hak Sut Tong, No. 68 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen
Long (Item 7 at **Annex B**)

- _____ (h) Lau Village House, No. 67 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen Long (Item 8 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (i) Lau Village House, No. 66 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen Long (Item 9 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (j) Lau Village House, No. 65 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen Long (Item 10 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (k) Lau Village House, No. 63 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen Long (Item 11 at **Annex B**)

5. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 1 status for Nos. 172, 174 and 176 Queen's Road Central (Nos. 123, 125 and 127 Wellington Street), the proposed Grade 3 status for Felix Villas, No. 61 Mount Davis Road, Felix Villas, Garage, No. 61 Mount Davis Road, S.K.H. St. Mary's Church, General Office and Nos. 63, 65, 66, 67 and 68 Tung Shing Lei, Au Tau, Yuen Long in March 2009. Objections from the respective owners of the 11 items 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 Nos. 88 and 90 Staunton Street, Sheung Wan, the "Hoi Tin Yat King" *pai-fong*, Ngong Ping, Lantau Island, and the masonry wall and earthenware pipes at Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay.

_____ 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.

ADVICE SOUGHT

7. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above; and

- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 6 above.

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