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 May 2020.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

2. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures monitored by the Board is set out at **Annex A**.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

3. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects undertaken by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") is set out at **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archaeological Licences

5. The progress of archaeological projects with licences issued is summarised at **Annex D**.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on educational and publicity activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and AMO between 1 May 2020 and 15 August 2020 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

7. As a result of the novel coronavirus, the "Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2020" featuring 11 government-owned revitalised historic buildings, originally scheduled from 2 September to 31 December 2020, has been deferred to 2021. The promotion of photo points located at historic buildings under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme has also been deferred.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

- 8. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:
 - (a) the "Heritage Over a Century: Tung Wah Museum and Heritage Conservation" exhibition is being staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre from 29 May to 23 September 2020; and
 - (b) all guided tours, workshops, lectures / seminars have been suspended since 29 January 2020 until further notice.

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