

**For information  
on 10 December 2020**

**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 August 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 August 2020 and 15 November 2020 are at **Annex E**.

### **Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO**

7. As a result of COVID-19, the "Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2020" featuring 11 government-owned revitalised historic buildings, originally scheduled for 2 September to 31 December 2020, has been deferred to 1 February to 31 July 2021. The promotion of photo points located at those historic buildings under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme will also be launched together with the aforesaid exhibition.

### **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 on display at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") from 29 May 2020 to 24 February 2021. It has recorded an attendance of 10 822 as at 15 November 2020;
  - (b) the "Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps" is on display at HDC from 14 September 2020 to 28 February 2021. It has recorded an attendance of 3 214 as at 15 November 2020;
  - (c) the "Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps" has been awarded with two Special Architectural Awards by Hong Kong Institute of Architects ("HKIA"), i.e. "Heritage & Adaptive Re-use"

and “Architectural Research”. AMO was further invited to showcase the awarded projects at the exhibition organised by HKIA at The Mills from 23 November 2020 to 29 November 2020.

- (d) the “A Regional Centre for Two Millennia in Lingnan: An Exhibition of the archaeological Discoveries Made at the Palace of the Nanyue Kindgom” will be staged at HDC from 23 April to 15 September 2021 tentatively; and
- (e) six online lectures in conjunction with the "Heritage Over a Century: Tung Wah Museum and Heritage Conservation" exhibition were held from 12 September 2020 to 14 November 2020 with a total viewing of 8 794. Besides, AMO was invited to deliver three outreach talks in respect of the restoration project of the Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps. The first talk was held on 2 November 2020 with 106 participants<sup>1</sup>. Details of the lectures / seminars are at **Annex F**.

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<sup>1</sup> Two other outreach talks with the same theme were held in the second half of November 2020 with a total of 175 participants.