

**For information
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**BOARD PAPER
AAB/2/2021-22**

**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 November 2020.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. In recognition of the heritage significance of Bonham Road Government Primary School in Sai Ying Pun, Old Tai Po Police Station in Tai Po and Hip Tin Temple in Sha Tau Kok, all Grade 1 historic buildings, it is proposed to declare them as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). The proposal, set out in Board Paper AAB/3/2021-22, is under a separate agenda item.

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

3. 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

4. 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

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

Archaeological Licences

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

7. Statistics on educational and publicity activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and AMO between 1 November 2020 and 15 February 2021 are at Annex E.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

8. 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 tentatively deferred to 1 September to 31 December 2021. The photo points located at those historic buildings under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme will be launched in September 2021.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

9. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:

- (a) the "Heritage Over a Century: Tung Wah Museum and Heritage Conservation" exhibition was on display at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") from 29 May 2020 to 24 February 2021. It recorded an attendance of 12 245 as at 15 February 2021;

- (b) the “Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps” was on display at HDC from 14 September 2020 to 28 February 2021. It recorded an attendance of 3 812 as at 15 February 2021;
- (c) the “Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps” was awarded with two Special Architectural Awards by Hong Kong Institute of Architects (“HKIA”) in its Annual Awards 2019/20, i.e. “Heritage & Adaptive Re-use” and “Architectural Research”. At the invitation of HKIA, the awarded project was showcased at the exhibition at The Mills from 23 November 2020 to 29 November 2020.
- (d) the “Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps” has also been awarded with special mention in the restoration category by the Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists.
- (e) AMO was invited to deliver three outreach talks in respect of the restoration project of the Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps in November 2020 with a total of 281 participants. Details of the lectures / seminars are at **Annex F**; and
- (f) The photo exhibition entitled “A Regional Centre for Two Millennia in Lingnan: An Exhibition of the Archaeological Discoveries Made at the Palace of the Nanyue Kindgom”, jointly presented with the Archaeological Site Museum of Nanyue Palace in Guangzhou, is tentatively scheduled for end of April to early August 2021.

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