

**For discussion
on 11 March 2021**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider the grading of 14 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6, endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraphs 7 to 8, and to note the updated position of the grading assessment set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 10 December 2020:

- (a) 190 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 389 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 571 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 10 December 2020, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following eight items as listed at Annex A:

- (a) Entrance Gate, Enclosing Walls and Shrine, Yan Shau Wai, San Tin;
- (b) Barker Road Peak Tram Station, Peak Tramways, The Peak; and
- (c) six pre-war historic structures at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens, i.e. (i) the stone pillars and flight of steps at the former main entrance, (ii) the Chinese War Memorial, (iii) the former Band Stand, (iv) the entrance gate pillars on Garden Road, (v) the tunnel portal and (vi) the flight of steps leading to the fountain terrace.

4. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the items was carried out. Only one written submission on Barker Road Peak Tram Station has been received. The submission, which has been sent to Members before the meeting, does not indicate any views on the proposed grading of the tram station but only advises there are some fabricated boarding steps there. Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of these eight items.

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

5. As at 10 December 2020, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 31 of them has been endorsed by the Board but is yet to be confirmed due to objection(s) or view(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 taking forward the grading of the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) invites the Board to review and confirm the proposed grading of the following six buildings of Hoh Fuk Tong Centre at No. 28 Castle Peak Road (San Hui), Tuen Mun:

- _____ (a) Hoh Fuk Tong House (Item 1 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (b) Pavilion (Item 2 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (c) Canteen (Item 3 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (d) Home of Leung Fat (Item 4 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (e) Mark Hall (Item 5 at **Annex B**)
- _____ (f) Home of Bethel (Item 6 at **Annex B**)

6. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 3 status for the above six items in Hoh Fuk Tong Centre, San Hui, Tuen Mun in March 2009. Objection

and enquiry from the owner of the items were received during the public consultation period earlier. The relevant objection letters and replies by AMO have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of the six items.

New Items for Grading Assessment

7. The Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of the following three items:

- (a) Steps of Pound Lane, Sheung Wan;
- (b) Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (commonly known as Mission Hill Service Reservoir / Woh Chai Shan Service Reservoir), Sham Shui Po; and
- (c) Ex-Yaumati Service Reservoir, King's Park, Yau Ma Tei.

8. Recommended proposed grading for each of the individual item is at **Annex C**. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of the items and their heritage appraisals to the website of the Board for a one-month public consultation in accordance with established practice. We will report to Members the views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

UPDATED LIST OF 1 444 HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND THE LIST OF NEW ITEMS

9. As mentioned in paragraph 5 above, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading of 31 items is pending confirmation owing to objection(s) or views(s) received during the public consultation carried out back in 2009. The latest position in grading the 1 444 historic buildings is at **Annex D**.

10. As per the prevailing practice, the public may make suggestions for grading assessment since 2009, and such suggestions make up a list of new items. Among the 337 items on the list of new items, the grading of 189 has been confirmed by the Board. The list of new items with updated grading assessment is at **Annex E**.

ADVICE SOUGHT

11. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the grading of the 14 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 above;
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraphs 7 to 8 above; and
 - (c) note the updated position of the graded buildings and grading assessment set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 above.

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