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**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 May 2021.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

2. At the meeting on 11 March 2021, the Board recommended the declaration of three Grade 1 historic buildings (i.e. 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) as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the “Ordinance”). Approval was given by the Chief Executive on 6 July 2021. The declaration was published in the Gazette and took effect on 16 July 2021, followed by tabling of subsidiary legislation for negative vetting at the Legislative Council sitting on 21 July 2021. The legislative process was completed with the expiry of the negative vetting period on 18 August 2021.

**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

AMO is set out at **Annex B**.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS**

### **Archaeological Licences**

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

## **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 and 15 August 2021 are at **Annex D**.

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

7. "Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2021" featuring 11 government-owned revitalised historic buildings will be held from 1 September to 31 December 2021. Instagram promotion on the photo points located at the historic buildings under Batches I to III of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme launched on 20 August 2021.

### **Educational Programmes Organised by AMO**

8. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:
- (a) the "Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps" staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") since 14 September 2020 has recorded an attendance of 14 160 as at 15 August 2021;
  - (b) the "A Regional Centre for Two Millennia in Lingnan: Photo 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, staged at HDC from 30

April 2021 to 4 August 2021, recorded a total attendance of 14 155;

- (c) in order to enhance public understanding of the archaeological findings from the construction site of Sung Wong Toi Station, a display consisting of two cabinets measuring 7 and 15 meters long has been set up in Sung Wong Toi Station from 27 June 2021 to showcase selected archaeological relics unearthed. The display, entitled “Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Archaeological Discoveries at Sung Wong Toi”, has been receiving overwhelmingly positive responses since its opening. An attendance of over 215 000 has recorded as at 15 August 2021;
- (d) nine workshops and twenty-one lectures were held between 1 May and 15 August 2021 with a total of 5 341 participants. Dr Mick ATHA and Professor Peter LAM Yip-keung delivered lectures titled “Exploring Archaeology” and “Treasures from Sacred Hill: Notes on the Porcelains Unearthed from Sung Wong Toi” respectively for the Friends of Heritage (“FOH”) and Young Friends of Heritage (“YFOH”) members. Details of the workshops and lectures are at **Annex E**;
- (e) recruitment of new members of FOH Scheme was completed in April 2021. A total of 327 new members were recruited. A briefing session followed by a special lecture on “Exploring Archaeology” were held online for the new FOH members on 22 May 2021;
- (f) recruitment for new members of YFOH Scheme was closed in late June 2021. A total of 281 new members were recruited. Training programmes have been held for the newly recruited YFOH members in the morning sessions of 11 and 12 August 2021;
- (g) The Television Broadcasts Limited and Now TV conducted interviews with AMO staff members for their programmes - *A Dream Home Planning* (Chinese Title: 家居•築則) and *Metropolitan Blueprint* (Chinese Title: 都會藍圖) respectively, featuring the architectural merits of HDC. The programmes were broadcast in April and June 2021 respectively; and
- (h) AMO collaborated with the Hong Kong Cable Television Limited in

the production of 12 TV episodes - *Wish* (Chinese title: 小事大意義). The programmes were broadcast from March to July 2021, featuring the restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps, Tat Tak Communal Hall, the stories and architecture of Confucian Hall and Bonham Road Government Primary School, as well as the trade, commerce and transportation, the ancestral halls, the walled villages, the temples and the community of Tai Po.

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