# 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 2021.

### 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 <u>Annex A</u>.

#### **Restoration and Maintenance Programmes**

3. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects undertaken by AMO is set out at <u>Annex B</u>.

#### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS**

#### **Surveys / Excavations**

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO is summarised at <u>Annex C</u>.

### **Archaeological Licences**

5. The progress of archaeological projects with licences issued is summarised at <u>Annex D</u>.

### 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 and 15 November 2021 are at <u>Annex E</u>.

## Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

7. "Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2021" featuring 11 government-owned revitalised historic buildings is being 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 was 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 24 679 as at 15 November 2021;
  - (b) the "Taking Strides in Tai Po A Journey through the District's Heritage" staged at HDC since 5 November 2021 has recorded an attendance of 2 636 as at 15 November 2021;
  - (c) the display, entitled "Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Archaeological Discoveries at Sung Wong Toi", has been receiving positive responses since its opening at Sung Wong Toi MTR Station on 27 June 2021. An attendance of about 380 000 has been recorded as at 15 November 2021;

- (d) to promote the public's understanding of the archaeological display at Sung Wong Toi MTR Station, complementary workshops on "Reconstructing Archaeological Relics Unearthed from Sung Wong Toi Area" are being held between September and December 2021;
- (e) to promote the public's awareness and understanding of Bonham Road Government Primary School, a monument newly declared in July 2021, two special events entitled "Sharing Session & Orchestra Community Show in Bonham Road Government Primary School" were held on 18 September and 13 November 2021 in collaboration with the Hong Kong Architecture Centre with the support of Haw Par Music and Bonham Road Government Primary School. The programme was very well received by the participants. Members of the Board, Friends of Heritage and Young Friends of Heritage ("YFOH") were invited to join;
- (f) 26 workshops and 17 lectures were held, between 1 August and 15 November 2021 with a total of 3 891 participants. Some of the lectures were held both physically and on-line. Details of the workshops and lectures are at <u>Annex F</u>; and
- (g) 281 new members were recruited for the YFOH Scheme in 2021. Training programmes for the new recruits were held on 11 and 12 August 2021.

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