

**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 February 2022.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

2. At the meeting on 10 March 2022, the Board recommended the declaration of Jamia Mosque, Lui Seng Chun and Hong Kong City Hall as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the “Ordinance”). Subsequent to the approval given by Chief Executive on 10 May 2022, the declaration was published in the Gazette and took effect on 20 May 2022, followed by tabling of subsidiary legislation for negative vetting at the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) sitting on 25 May 2022. The House Committee of LegCo has decided to form a subcommittee to study the subsidiary legislation. Representatives of the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office (“CHO”) and the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) will attend the meeting of the subcommittee.

**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.

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## **Restoration and Maintenance Programmes**

4. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects undertaken by 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**.

### **Archeological 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 CHO and AMO between 1 February and 15 May 2022 are at **Annex E**.

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

8. The number of followers of the Instagram platform HK Heritage LIVE 活歷。香港 (IG name: @hkheritagelive), which was launched on 3 January 2022, has grown to 2 795 in May 2022.

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

9. 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 30 751 as at 15 May 2022;

- (b) the “Taking Strides in Tai Po – A Journey through the District’s Heritage” staged at HDC from 5 November 2021 to 4 May 2022 recorded a total attendance of 13 884;
- (c) the “Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Archaeological Discoveries at Sung Wong Toi” display has been enjoying great popularity since its opening at Sung Wong Toi MTR Station on 27 June 2021. An attendance of 506 709 has been recorded as at 15 May 2022;
- (d) to foster public awareness and appreciation of historic buildings and to provide a chance for people with disabilities to get connected with the community by participating in social activities, AMO has launched a social inclusion project “Art Unbound, Inclusion Absolute – Heritage for All Drawing Competition”. Submission of entries was from 15 March to 31 May 2022;
- (e) to tie-in with the “International Day for Monuments and Sites” on 18 April 2022, one online talk and two online workshops were held between 16 and 18 April 2022 in collaboration with Chu Hai College of Higher Education, and the programmes were very well received by the participants. Besides, the Friends of Heritage and Young Friends of Heritage schemes have also been revamped since 18 April 2022 to open their applications all year round and with no quota limits; and
- (f) four workshops and seven lectures were held between 1 February and 15 May 2022 with a total attendance of 3 093 participants. Details of the workshops and lectures are at **Annex F**.

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