

**For discussion
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the five items set out in paragraphs 4 to 7, endorsing the proposed grading of the seven items set out in paragraphs 8 to 10, and to note the updated position of the grading assessment set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 8 December 2022:

- (a) 199 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 404 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 616 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 343 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.

3. The grading system is administrative in nature and does not affect the ownership, usage, management and development rights of the buildings concerned.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Proposed Grading Endorsed at the Last Meeting

4. At the meeting on 8 December 2022, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following four items as listed at **Annex A**:

- (a) Nos. 22 to 26 and structures nearby, Tai Long, Sai Kung, New Territories (item N404);
- (b) New and ancillary buildings and structures, Ham Tin, Sai Kung, New Territories (item N422);
- (c) Chiu Lo, DD6 Lot 1218 (near Hon Ka Road), Kam Shan, Tai Po, New Territories (item N394); and
- (d) Historic Structures at the former Chiu Chow Pak Yap Cemetery, Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong (item N423).

5. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the aforesaid items was carried out. No submissions were received for items (a) to (c), while three public views supporting the grading of item (d) were received. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the four items set out in paragraph 4 above.

Confirmation of Grading

6. As at 8 December 2022, under the list of new items, there are items with proposed grading pending confirmation due to various reasons, such as objections, views or enquiries received during the public consultation period. Among which, objection and concerns regarding the grading assessment on the following building have been resolved:

- (a) Former Kindergarten Block of Ying Wa Girls' School, No. 76 Robinson Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong (Proposed Grade 3, at **Annex B**)

7. Further to the endorsement of the proposed grading of the former Kindergarten Block in September 2010, AMO received written submissions raising objection and concerns regarding the grading assessment of the building in 2010 and 2012 respectively. The relevant correspondences have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Given that the

objection and concerns have been addressed and with the support of the Ying Wa Girls' School, Members are invited to confirm the grading of item (a) in paragraph 6.

Review of Grading and Assessment of New Items

8. The proposed grading of No. 190 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon has been reviewed by the Assessment Panel.

9. In addition, the Assessment Panel has assessed the heritage values and completed the grading assessment of the following six items:

- (a) Wan Chai Fire Station, No. 435 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong;
- (b) Ex-Office Building of Sha Tin Rural Committee, No. 248 Pai Tau, Sha Tin, New Territories;
- (c) No. 113 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong;
- (d) No. 20 High Street, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong;
- (e) Chung Chi College, Staff Quarters E, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin, New Territories; and
- (f) Chung Chi College, Staff Quarters F (Inter-University Hall), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin, New Territories.

10. The recommendations of the Assessment Panel for items in paragraphs 8 and 9 above are at **Annex C**. Subject to Members' endorsement, 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 the established practice. Members will be informed if any views are received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

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

11. The latest position in grading the 1 444 historic buildings is at **Annex D**.

12. Through suggestions from the public and daily work of AMO, a list of new items has been maintained by AMO. Among the 387 items on the list of new items, the grading of 244 has been confirmed by the Board. The list of new items with updated grading assessment is at **Annex E**.

ADVICE SOUGHT

13. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the five items set out in paragraphs 4 to 7 above;
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the seven items set out in paragraphs 8 to 10 above; and
- (c) note the updated position of the graded buildings and grading assessment set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 above.

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