

ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

**Minutes of the Open Session of the 154th Meeting
held on Wednesday, 15 June 2011 at 3:00 p.m.
in Conference Room, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre
Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon**

- Present: Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Dr Anissa Chan Wong Lai-kuen, MH, JP
Ms Susanna Chiu Lai-kuen
Professor Chung Po-yin
Mr Henry Ho Kin-chung
Mr Philip Kan Siu-lun
Mr Tim Ko Tim-keung
Mr Tony Lam Chung-wai
Mr Andrew Lam Siu-lo, JP
Ms Lilian Law Suk-kwan, JP
Dr Lee Ho-yin
Mr Laurence Li Lu-jen
Ms Janet Pau Heng-ting
Dr Joseph Ting Sun-pao
Mr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung, JP
Mr Yeung Yiu-chung, BBS, JP
- Ms Heaster Cheung (Secretary)
Chief Administration Manager (Antiquities and
Monuments)
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
- Absent with Apologies: Mrs Mariana Cheng Cho Chi-on, BBS, JP
Professor Ho Pui-yin
Dr Lau Chi-pang
Professor Tracey Lu Lie-dan
Dr Ng Cho-nam, BBS, JP
Professor Simon Shen Xu-hui
Professor Billy So Kee-long

In Attendance: Development Bureau

Mrs Laura Aron
Commissioner for Heritage

Miss Queenie Lee
Assistant Secretary (Heritage Conservation)⁴

Mr Terence Lo
Technical Advisor 2
(for item 5 only)

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Chung Ling-hoi, JP
Deputy Director (Culture)

Dr Louis Ng
Assistant Director (Heritage and Museums)

Mr Tom Ming
Executive Secretary (Antiquities and Monuments)

Mr Kenneth Tam
Chief Heritage Manager (Antiquities and Monuments)

Mrs Ada Yau
Curator (Archaeology)

Mr Kevin Sun
Curator (Education and Publicity)

Ms Angela Siu
Curator (Historical Buildings) 2

Ms Wendy Tsang
Principal Media Coordinator

Miss Addy Wong
Senior Media Coordinator (Heritage and Museums)

Dr Alan Fung
Assistant Curator I (Building Survey)

Planning Department

Mrs Alice Mak
Senior Town Planner/Metro & Urban Renewal

Architectural Services Department

Mr Fong Siu-wai
Assistant Director (Property Services)

Mr Kevin Li
Senior Architect/Heritage

Buildings Department

Ms Grace Cheng
Building Surveyor/Heritage Unit 1
(for item 5 only)

Opening Remarks

~~The Chairman thanked Members and representatives from Government departments for attending the meeting.~~

**~~Item 1-2 Confirmation of Minutes
(Board Minutes AAB/1/2011-12)
(Board Minutes AAB/2/2011-12)~~**

~~2. The minutes of the 152nd and 153rd Meetings held on 22 February 2011 and 22 March 2011 respectively were confirmed without amendment.~~

**~~Item 3 Matters Arising and Progress Report
(Board Paper AAB/11/2011-12)~~**

~~3. Mr Tom Ming reported that with Members' support to the proposal of declaring the fortified structure at Ha Pak Nai, Yuen Long as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (the Ordinance) at its meeting on 22 February 2011, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) was proceeding with the declaration procedures as required under the Ordinance and gazettal of the declaration would be arranged in due course.~~

~~4. He then highlighted the restoration and maintenance projects being handled by AMO listed in Annex B to the Board paper. He said that in order to demonstrate building conservation works in different stages, viz before restoration,~~

~~in view of its historical significance.~~

~~56. After deliberation, the Chairman decided that S/N 1 be reviewed by the Expert Panel.~~

~~57. Dr Lee Ho-yin pointed out that S/N 3 was another Bauhaus style building and suggested that the proposed grading should be upgraded to Grade 2 status.~~

~~58. In reply to Ms Janet Pau's question about the association between S/N 3 and American Congregational Mission Preaching Hall (the Church) and the association between the Church and Dr Sun Yat-sen, Mr Tom Ming clarified that S/N 3 partially fell within the lot where the Church once stood. Dr Sun Yat-sen had lived and received baptism in the Church. Mr Tom Ming further explained that this piece of information had already been considered by the Expert Panel on the grading assessment.~~

~~59. The Chairman proposed with Members' agreement to endorse S/N 3's proposed grading at Grade 3 status first. Adjustment of the grading of S/N 3 could be considered when more research information on comparison of the Bauhaus style buildings in the territory was available.~~

~~60. The Chairman concluded that the Board had noted the proposed grading of S/N 2, S/N 3 and S/N 4. AMO would proceed with the 1 month public consultation of these historic buildings as usual.~~

Item 9 Any Other Business

61. Mr Tim Ko said that in view of the recent discussions on whether Hung Lau in Tuen Mun should be declared as a monument, he had conducted researches into Hung Lau and the former Castle Peak Farm (CPF). He was of the view that Hung Lau, situated within the former CPF, was probably built in early 20th century yet it was not definitely sure if the building did exist before 1911.

62. Mr Tom Ming supplemented that given the historical significance of the former CPF in the anti-Qing revolutionary movement and Hung Lau being the only historic structure within the site of the former CPF, AAB had accorded a Grade 1 status to Hung Lau. Based on available information, it was uncertain whether the existing Hung Lau, which carried some characteristics of the architecture in the 1920s and 1930s, was the same original structure that existed on the site in the early 20th century. Should it be a structure constructed only after the revolutionary movement, it might not reach the high threshold to be declared as a monument. Given the situation, Hung Lau would not be considered for declaration as a monument for the time being unless there was new information to support the direct relationship between Hung Lau and the revolutionary activities.

63. Members noted the above and agreed with the existing approach of handling the case.

64. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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