

**For information
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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 February 2023.

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 **Annex A**.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

3. The progress of restoration and maintenance projects undertaken by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) is set out at **Annex B**.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Surveys / Excavations

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO is summarised at **Annex C**.

Archeological Licences

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

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on educational and publicity activities organised by CHO and AMO between 1 February and 15 May 2023 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

7. 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 11 900 as at 15 May 2023.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

8. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:
- (a) the “Restoration of Duddell Street Steps and Gas Lamps” exhibition staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) since 14 September 2020 recorded an attendance of 62 105 as at 15 May 2023;
 - (b) the “Light of Jinsha - The Ancient Shu Civilisation” exhibition staged at HDC from 30 December 2022 to 29 March 2023 recorded a total attendance of 39 511;
 - (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. A total attendance of 800 327 was recorded as at 15 May 2023;
 - (d) to celebrate the Chinese New Year, a “Jinsha Lantern Festival Fun

Day”, with various booth activities and lantern riddles based on the theme of the artefacts from the “Light of Jinsha - The Ancient Shu Civilisation” exhibition was held on 5 February at HDC. The total attendance was 1 422. To further promote the exhibition, three lectures, four sessions of “Jinsha Artefacts Paper-cutting” workshops and nine sessions of ““Sunbird” Gold Plated Bookmark’ workshops were held from February to March 2023. In addition, six sessions of “Fragment of Light – Reappearance of the Ancient Shu” mystery game were held for schools in March 2023;

- (e) an “Easter Egg Hunt Fun Day” was held on 2 April 2023 at HDC with activities such as the Easter egg hunt, historic building badge-making, Easter bunny balloon twist and music concert. It attracted a total attendance of 1 058;
- (f) following the launch of the “City Heritage Run” in Kowloon City in collaboration with Kai Tak Sports Initiative Foundation Limited in September 2022, the event was extended to selected declared monuments and historic buildings in the Central and Western District as well as the Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan Districts, and was launched on 11 February and 25 March 2023 respectively;
- (g) 332 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of 6 635 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (h) 38 workshops and 9 lectures were held between 1 February and 15 May 2023, recording a total attendance of 4 562 participants. Details of the workshops and lectures are at **Annex G**.

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