

**For discussion  
on 8 June 2023**

**BOARD PAPER  
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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 seven items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the two items set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 below.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 9 March 2023:

- (a) 200 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 405 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 616 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 345 items with no grading;
- (e) 46 items with no further processing due to their declaration as monuments; and
- (f) 27 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 9 March 2023, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following seven items as listed at **Annex A**:

- (a) No. 190 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (item 653);
- (b) Wan Chai Fire Station, No. 435 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (item N396);
- (c) Ex-Office Building of Sha Tin Rural Committee, No. 248 Pai Tau, Sha Tin, New Territories (item N397);
- (d) No. 113 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (item N333);
- (e) No. 20 High Street, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong (item N355);
- (f) Chung Chi College, Staff Quarters E, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin, New Territories (item N424); and
- (g) Chung Chi College, Staff Quarters F (Inter-University Hall), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sha Tin, New Territories (item N425).

5. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the aforesaid seven items was carried out. A total of 17 submissions were received during the public consultation period, among which one public view supported the proposed grading of all items (a) to (g), while 16 submissions expressed views on No. 190 Nathan Road (i.e. item (a)). In general, they considered that the building deserved a higher grading and preservation. All submissions received have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the seven items set out in paragraph 4 above.

### **Review of Grading and Assessment of New Item**

6. The grading of the following item has been reviewed by the Assessment Panel and suggested to be upgraded from Grade 3 to proposed Grade 1 in view of some new and reliable historical information obtained:

- (a) The Residence of Tang Pak Kau, No. 20 Tsz Tong Tsuen, Kam Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories.

7. In addition, the Assessment Panel has assessed the heritage value and completed the grading assessment of the following item:

- (a) Battery Path Steps and Balustrades, Central, Hong Kong.

8. The recommendations of the Assessment Panel for items in paragraphs 6 and 7 above are at **Annex B**. 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.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

9. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the seven items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above; and
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the two items set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 above.

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