

**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 May 2023.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

2. At the meeting on 8 June 2023, the Board recommended the declaration of Tin Hau Temple, Joss House Bay in Sai Kung and the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong at No. 51 Bridges Street, Sheung Wan as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). Statutory procedure for the declaration has commenced.

**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**.

**Restoration and Maintenance Programmes**

4. 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**

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 the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and AMO between 1 May and 15 August 2023 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 13 195 as at 15 Aug 2023.

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

9. 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 69 113 as at 15 August 2023;
- (b) the "In Virtual of Heritage – Exploring Monuments with Heritage Technology" exhibition staged at HDC from 19 May 2023 to 19 July 2023 recorded a total attendance of 11 685;

- (c) the “Monumental Stories – Cat Curator Colouring Competition Winning Entries Exhibition” staged at HDC from 24 July 2023 to 30 August 2023 recorded an attendance of 3 112 as at 15 August 2023;
- (d) the “Fun Historic Building Tour Through Models of the Buildings” exhibition being staged at HDC from 29 July 2023 to 13 September 2023 recorded an attendance of 4 980 as at 15 August 2023;
- (e) the “Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Archaeological Discoveries at Sung Wong Toi” display which opened on 27 June 2021 at Sung Wong Toi MTR Station recorded a total attendance of 858 920 as at 15 August 2023;
- (f) Haw Par Mansion, the former residence of Aw Boon Haw, an overseas Chinese merchant, was returned to the Development Bureau in December 2022. After the completion of minor repair works, it has been reopened to the public since 9 June 2023 through guided tours to be held on Fridays to Sundays and public holidays with four sessions on each day. Visitors could visit the garden and most of the interiors of the Mansion to understand its history, architectural merits and heritage value. As at 15 August 2023, a total of 2 128 visitors have been received through 124 guided tours;
- (g) to celebrate the China Cultural and Natural Heritage Day on 10 June 2023, AMO, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, and Greater Bay Area Philharmonic Hong Kong Orchestra joined hands to hold a concert at the Main Block of Tung Wah Hospital, a Grade 1 historic building. Through a series of touching melodies, an audience of 48 enjoyed the charm of Hong Kong's cultural heritage, and enhanced their understanding and appreciation of cultural heritage;
- (h) to raise primary school students' appreciation of historic buildings in Hong Kong and to enhance their aesthetic perception, the ‘Monumental’ Stories – Cat Curator Colouring Competition was launched in early 2023. Line drawings based on four education-related declared monuments, namely Kang Yung Study Hall, the Former Kowloon British School, the Main Building of The University of Hong Kong, and Bonham Road Government Primary School were

made for the colouring competition. A total of 15 043 entries from 155 schools were received. The award presentation ceremony was held on 4 July 2023 and the winning and shortlisted entries were displayed at HDC from 24 July 2023 to 30 August 2023;

- (i) to offer an experiential learning experience for 50 teachers to enhance their understanding on Chinese culture and heritage buildings, two tours were arranged in collaboration with Education Bureau in May and July 2023 to Yim Tin Tsai in Sai Kung District and Sha Tau Kok, and Lai Chi Wo, Kat O and Ap Chau in North District respectively;
- (j) 406 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery with a total of 7 033 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (k) 19 workshops and 11 lectures were held between 1 May and 15 August 2023, recording a total attendance of 1 880 participants. Details of the workshops and lectures are at **Annex G**.

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