

Development Projects/Cases related to Preservation of Historic Buildings
(Progress as at 15 May 2024)

Hong Kong Island

	Development Project/Case	Built Heritage at the Site	Latest Progress
1.	Revitalisation of Central Police Station (“CPS”) Compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The CPS Compound, i.e. the CPS, the Central Magistracy and the Victoria Prison, is a fine example of Victorian and Edwardian colonial architecture in Hong Kong and were declared monuments in 1995.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The revitalised CPS Compound commenced operation as “Tai Kwun – Centre for Heritage and Arts” on 29 May 2018.● As for the Married Inspectors’ Quarters (i.e. Block 4), which partially collapsed on 29 May 2016, the Hong Kong Jockey Club (“HKJC”) briefed the Antiquities Advisory Board (“the Board”) on the updated recovery plan on 12 December 2019.● HKJC announced on 9 July 2021 that their reappraisal found that the Block 4 was weaker than previously anticipated. For the sake of public safety, HKJC decided to terminate the implementation of the updated recovery plan and revisit the eight initial recovery options presented to the Board in 2016.● HKJC is exploring possible heritage conservation arrangements and plans for the Block 4 on the premise of safeguarding public safety as the top priority. In HKJC’s latest technical update to the Board on 8 December 2022, the Board noted that the unsafe portion of the Block 4 will be removed, while the recovery plan will be further explored and developed during the removal works.● HKJC submitted a Section 6 Permit application to the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) for undertaking the investigation and removal works. The Section 6 Permit was issued in June 2023. The investigation was completed. Accordingly, HKJC is removing the unsafe parts of building fabric on a strictly necessary basis from the perspective of public safety. Building fabric with heritage significance is preserved as much as practicable. HKJC will present the recovery plan to the Board in due course.

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2.	Peel Street/Graham Street Development (H18) of Urban Renewal Authority (“URA”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The shophouses at No. 118 and No. 120 Wellington Street are Grade 3 and Grade 1 historic buildings respectively. ● Nos. 26A-C Graham Street are a row of three pre-war buildings, with Grade 3 status. ● The building remains at the site of Cochrane Street has not been given any grading by the Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● URA plans to preserve the two terrazzo signs with the calligraphy of Su Shi-jie (蘇世傑) at No. 118 Wellington Street and incorporate them in the public open space at the same site in future. ● URA will preserve <i>in-situ</i> the shophouse at No.120 Wellington Street and the main façade of the shophouses at Nos. 26A-C Graham Street. ● Revised Conservation Management Plan of No. 120 Wellington Street is targeted to be submitted by heritage consultant of URA by 3rd quarter of 2024. ● Revised Conservation Proposal of Nos. 26A-C Graham Street is targeted to be submitted by heritage consultant of URA by end 2024.
3.	Renovation works for the West Wing of the former Central Government Offices (“CGO West Wing”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The former CGO (including three buildings) have been accorded Grade 1 status by the Board. The West Wing, completed in 1959, was used as government offices for over 50 years until 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subsequent to the endorsement of the Heritage Impact Assessment (“HIA”) report on the renovation of CGO West Wing by the Board on 4 March 2015, the conservation works to convert the building into the offices of the Department of Justice and law-related organisations commenced in October 2016 and substantially completed, with the heritage interpretation works targeting for completion in 2024-25.
4.	Revitalisation of Roberts Block, Old Victoria Barracks (Batch V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roberts Block, a Grade 1 historic building, was built in the early 1900s and was originally known as army Married Quarters “E Block”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roberts Block is being revitalised by Christian Oi Hip Fellowship Limited into “Roberts Block Creative Arts Therapy Centre”. Works commenced in March 2022 and are targeted for Phase 1 completion by end 2024 and Phase 2 completion in the second half of 2026.

Kowloon

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5.	Development at Diamond Hill Comprehensive Development Area (“CDA”) and construction of Diamond Hill Stabling Sidings of Shatin-to-Central Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The old Pillbox and former Royal Air Force Hangar are Grade 2 and Grade 3 historic buildings respectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuant to the approved Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) report, portions of the Hangar were disassembled and stored for future display together with a model of the Hangar whereas the Pillbox was lifted up in one piece and stored for future reinstatement. Both the Hangar and Pillbox were relocated to the construction site by MTR Corporation Limited in July and August 2018 respectively. ● The planning of the water feature park was entrusted to the Housing Department (“HD”). HD proposed to reinstate the Hangar and Pillbox within the water feature park in the western part of the Diamond Hill CDA (not at the original locations). HD proposed adaptive reuse of the Hangar and the Pillbox which would be on display with interpretation in the park after completion. ● Under the requirements of the approved EIA, AMO continues to provide technical advice from the heritage conservation perspective. ● HD submitted a restoration proposal of the Old Pillbox on 16 May 2022. AMO provided comment on the restoration proposal of the Old Pillbox in October 2022. Permanent relocation of the Old Pillbox was carried out in March 2023 and final record was received in May 2023. ● HD submitted a final display and exhibit proposal for the Former Royal Air Force Hangar in June 2023, which allows visitors to view the Hanger in a close distance. The proposal is considered acceptable in view of the structural integrity and the future maintenance of the exhibit as well as public safety concern. Works are targeted for completion by 3rd quarter of 2024.

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6.	Redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital incorporating a Chinese Medicine Wing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The original hospital, with the present Tung Wah Museum (“TWM”) as its Main Hall, was built in 1911 and extended in 1923. The hospital was completely reconstructed in 1958 as Kwong Wah Hospital with the Main Hall preserved. ● The Main Hall, which houses TWM currently, was declared a monument in 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Main Hall has been properly protected in accordance with the HIA report endorsed by the Board on 4 June 2015 before commencement of construction. ● Phase 1 of the redevelopment commenced in June 2016. Works were suspended by the Hospital Authority due to settlement of TWM found on 26 November 2018. With the implementation of the remedial works, the settlement of TWM has been stabilised. Works were resumed in February 2019. ● The whole redevelopment (Phases 1 and 2) is targeted for completion in 2025.

New Territories

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7.	Revitalisation of Former Lau Fau Shan Police Station (Batch V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Former Lau Fau Shan Police Station, a Grade 3 historic building, was built in 1963 and was an utilitarian building of the 1960s. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Former Lau Fau Shan Police Station is being revitalised by Hong Kong Guide Dogs Academy Limited into “Former Lau Fau Shan Police Station – Hong Kong Guide Dogs Academy”. Works commenced in the 2nd quarter of 2022 and are targeted for completion in the 3rd quarter of 2024. Operation is targeted for commencement in the 4th quarter of 2024.