

**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 2024.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. At the meeting on 7 March 2024, the Antiquities Advisory Board (the “Board”) recommended the declaration of the Lo Pan Temple at No. 15 Ching Lin Terrace in Kennedy Town and the Residence of Tang Pak Kau at No. 20 Tsz Tong Tsuen in Kam Tin 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 February 2024 and 15 May 2024 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 19 685 as at 15 May 2024.

9. "Heritage Fiesta 2024" featuring 10 declared monuments and graded historic buildings that are themed on East-meets-West, will be held from 1 October to 30 November 2024. Free guided tours will be arranged during the event period. To dovetail with the fiesta, a roving exhibition will be held from 1 October 2024 to 27 January 2025 at shopping malls, a government venue and public libraries.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

10. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:

- (a) the "Inseparable Ties: Cohesion as Told by Hong Kong Historic Buildings" exhibition (photo version) being staged at Nanjing Municipal Museum since 30 June 2023 and at Deng Xiaoping Former Residence Museum in Guang'an, Sichuan from 8 February to 30 April 2024 recorded attendance of 761 380 as at 15 May 2024 and a total attendance of 2 507 597 respectively;
- (b) the "Under the Same Roof: Origin and Art of Lingnan Traditional Architecture" exhibition staged at Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") since 1 December 2023 has recorded an attendance of 49 351 for Thematic Exhibition Gallery and 41 796 for Panyu Shrine Gallery as at 15 May 2024;
- (c) the "Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Archaeological Discoveries at Sung Wong Toi" display at Sung Wong Toi MTR Station which was opened on 27 June 2021 and renewed in March 2024 has recorded a total attendance of 1 000 550 as at 15 May 2024;
- (d) Haw Par Mansion which has been reopened to the public since 9 June 2023 through guided tours held on Fridays to Sundays and public holidays with four sessions on each opening day, has attracted a total of 10 913 visitors in 603 guided tours as at 15 May 2024;
- (e) to complement the "Under the Same Roof: Origin and Art of Lingnan Traditional Architecture" exhibition, a series of lectures and workshops has been launched since November 2023. Relevant intangible cultural heritage bearers and experts were invited to give lectures and host workshops on various aspects of Lingnan traditional architecture, including plaster moulding, brick carving, Chaozhou painting applique in gold foil and mural painting, Chaozhou wood carving, and inlaid carving of pottery. During 1 November 2023 to 15 May 2024, 10 lectures and nine workshops were held, with a total attendance of 1 363 participants;
- (f) to promote rammed earth construction in the context of Chinese traditional architecture, AMO and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department joint hands to organise a total of six sessions of "Lecture-cum-visit on Rammed Earth Architecture" and "Workshop on Rammed Earth Production" for participants to learn

about the principle, development, production and conservation of rammed earth structures in April and May 2024, among which four sessions were held in early April and early May, with a total attendance of 214 participants;

_____ (g) 715 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 February and 15 May 2024 with a total of 12 968 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and

_____ (h) 25 workshops and eight lectures / seminar were held between 1 February and 15 May 2024, recording a total attendance of 4 288 participants. Details of the workshops and lectures are at **Annex G**.

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