

**For discussion
on 6 June 2024**

**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 three items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 below, and endorsing the proposed grading of the five 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 7 March 2024:

- (a) 202 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 409 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 623 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 349 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 7 March 2024, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following three items as follows:

- (a) Kwong Fook Tsz, No. 40 Tai Ping Shan Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (item 1092) – proposed Grade 1;
- (b) Nos. 386 and 388 Lai Chi Kok Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon (item N365) – proposed Grade 3; and
- (c) Nos. 53 and 55 Shantung Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon (item N366) – proposed No Grading.

5. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the aforesaid three items was carried out. No submissions were received for items (a) and (b) above, while five public views on the proposed grading of item (c) were received and forwarded to members for information prior to the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the three items set out in paragraph 4 above.

Review of Grading / Proposed Grading and Assessment of New Items

6. The grading of the following item has been reviewed by the Historic Buildings Assessment Panel (the “Assessment Panel”) and it is suggested to revise its grading as follows in view of some new and reliable information obtained:

- Hong Kong Red Swastika Society Building, No. 25 Dragon Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (item 399) – from Grade 2 to proposed Grade 1.

7. The Assessment Panel has also reviewed the proposed grading of the following item and it is suggested to revise its proposed grading as follows since the building has been substantially altered:

- Nos. 8-9 Tai Pak Terrace, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong (item 314) – from proposed Grade 2 to proposed No Grading.

8. In addition, the Assessment Panel has assessed the heritage value and completed the grading assessment of the following three items and thus recommended their proposed grading as follows:

- (a) Chun On Pawn Shop, No. 91 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (item N247) – proposed Grade 3;
- (b) Tak Wing Pawn Shop, No. 72 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong (item N248) – proposed Grade 3; and
- (c) Watchtower, Muk Wu Nga Yiu, Man Kam To, New Territories (item N380) – proposed Grade 3.

9. 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

10. Members are invited to:

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

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