

**For discussion  
on 12 September 2024**

**BOARD PAPER  
AAB/36/2023-24**

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

**PURPOSE**

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 below.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 6 June 2024:

- (a) 203 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 408 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 624 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 350 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 6 June 2024, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following four items as follows:

- (a) Hong Kong Red Swastika Society Building, No. 25 Dragon Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (item 399) – proposed Grade 1;
- (b) Chun On Pawn Shop, No. 91 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (item N247) – proposed Grade 3;
- (c) Tak Wing Pawn Shop, No. 72 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong (item N248) – proposed Grade 3; and
- (d) Watchtower, Muk Wu Nga Yiu, Man Kam To, New Territories (item N380) – proposed Grade 3.

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

### **Review of Proposed Grading**

6. The proposed grading of the following item has been reviewed by the Historic Buildings Assessment Panel (the “Assessment Panel”), which maintained their views and recommended “proposed No Grading” for the item considering that 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.

### **Assessment of New Items**

7. 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) Tak Sang Pawn Shop, Nos. 176 and 178 Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon (item N249) – proposed Grade 3;
- (b) No. 7 Luk Chau Village, Lamma Island (item N65) – proposed Grade 3; and
- (c) Kung Um Temple, Yuen Long, New Territories (item N187) – proposed Grade 3.

8. Subject to Members' endorsement, the Antiquities and Monuments Office 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 of any views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

9. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above; and
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

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