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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 November 2024.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Structures

2. The latest position on the preservation of historic buildings and structures monitored by the Antiquities Advisory Board (the “Board”) is set out at Annex A.

Restoration and Maintenance Programmes

3. 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

4. The progress of archaeological projects undertaken by AMO is summarised at Annex C.

Archaeological Licences

5. The progress of archaeological projects with licences issued is summarised at **Annex D**.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on educational and publicity activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and AMO between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2025 are at **Annex E**.

Programmes and Activities Organised by CHO

7. 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 30 012 as at 15 February 2025.

8. Heritage Fiesta 2024 was held from 1 October to 30 November 2024 with the theme on "East-meets-West". The event presented 11 declared monuments / graded historic buildings, eight of which participated in the event for the first time. These historic buildings have rich and diverse cultural backgrounds or demonstrate a blend of Chinese and Western architectural styles. Free events, including 88 guided tours, five workshops and one music performance were held at these historic buildings for enjoyment of the members of the public. To dovetail with the Fiesta, a roving exhibition was held from 1 October 2024 to 27 January 2025 at various venues, including government premises (i.e. Lobby of Immigration Tower, Wanchai and 14 public libraries) and two shopping malls (i.e. Citywalk 2 and Times Square). In addition, to complement the event, a series of public lectures featuring the participating historic buildings were organised by AMO at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ("HDC") in Tsim Sha Tsui. Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2024 recorded a total attendance of around 180 000.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

9. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:
 - (a) “Launch from Greater Bay Area: Nanhai I Shipwreck and the Maritime Silk Road” exhibition staged at HDC from 16 August 2024 to 12 February 2025 has recorded a total attendance of 70 732;
 - (b) “Display of Dinosaur Fossils from Port Island, Hong Kong” staged at HDC from 25 October to 18 December 2024 has recorded an attendance of 29 831;
 - (c) “Dinosaur Parlour” staged at HDC since 20 December 2024 has recorded an attendance of 40 469 as at 15 February 2025;
 - (d) Greater Bay Area Cultural Heritage Forum was held from 31 October to 1 November 2024 in Macao. Development Bureau has invited six speakers, including the then Chairman of the Board, to share their relevant experiences and research findings at the forum. A total of 21 members of the Board and the Advisory Committee on Built Heritage Conservation, including the two then respective Chairmen, attended the forum. Members also joined an excursion to recently revitalised historic sites;
 - (e) the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Heritage Walk, themed on education and consisted of 98 historic buildings was officially launched during the opening ceremony of the Greater Bay Area Cultural Heritage Forum on 31 October 2024. As for the Hong Kong section, with the support of respective owners and management parties, 47 historic buildings on 36 sites were selected and included by AMO. Information plaques on the buildings have been installed. A bilingual e-booklet and audio guides in Cantonese, Putonghua and English on the buildings of the Hong Kong section, together with the sections of Guangdong and Macao have been uploaded to the website of AMO and the cultural tourism website of Greater Bay Area;
 - (f) 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 with a new display “Sung Wong Toi and Maritime Trade” added has recorded a total attendance of 1 194 327 as at 15 February 2025;

- (g) 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 18 269 visitors in 1 087 guided tours as at 15 February 2025;
- (h) to celebrate the Chinese New Year, a fun day was held at HDC on 8 February 2025 with an array of interesting programmes themed on built heritage and dinosaur fossils, including concerts, plaster moulding workshops, rammed earth workshops, dinosaur balloon twisting, badges and keychains making and exhibitions. Participants were given specially designed souvenirs after attending each activity. The fun day attracted a total attendance of 4 872;
- (i) to complement the “Launch from Greater Bay Area: Nanhai I Shipwreck and the Maritime Silk Road” exhibition, a series of lectures and workshops has been launched since August 2024. Scholars and experts were invited to conduct lectures and workshops on archaeology and ancient maritime trade. Five lectures and four workshops were held from 16 August 2024 to January 2025, with a total attendance of 554 participants;
- (j) to complement the display of dinosaur fossils and the inauguration of Dinosaur Parlour at HDC, a series of lectures and workshops has been launched since October 2024. Experts and tutors in the field were invited to conduct lectures and workshops on fossils and palaeontology. A total of nine lectures and five workshops were held with a total attendance of 741 participants;
- (k) 745 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2025 with a total attendance of 11 498 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and

- (1) 31 workshops, 16 lectures / seminar and 183 sessions of video programme were held between 1 November 2024 and 15 February 2025, recording a total attendance of 8 232 participants. Details are at **Annex G**.
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