

**For information  
on 12 June 2025**

**BOARD PAPER  
AAB/6/2025-26**

**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 2025.

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

**Declaration of Monuments**

2. At the meeting on 13 March 2025, the Antiquities Advisory Board (the “Board”) recommended the declaration of the Main Building of Old Tsan Yuk Maternity Hospital at 36A Western Street in Sai Ying Pun and Kwong Fook Tsz at 40 Tai Ping Shan Street in Sheung Wan 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.

### Archaeological 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 and 15 May 2025 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 36 207 as at 15 May 2025.

9. Heritage Fiesta 2025 will be held from 1 October to 30 November 2025, featuring ten declared monuments / graded historic buildings that were once served as filming locations for movies, four of which will participate in the event for the first time, in which one government-owned-and-operated historic building is included. Free guided tours will be offered at these historic buildings for the members of the public. To dovetail with the Fiesta, a roving exhibition will be held from 1 October to 30 December 2025 at various venues, including government premises (i.e. Lobby of Immigration Tower, Wanchai and 11 public libraries) and two shopping malls.

10. The "Springtime Heritage Adventure" campaign has been conducted from 1 April to 31 May 2025 to encourage the public to visit 14 historic buildings

of the projects in operation under the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme”, where the public could participate in remarkable activities held there and collect stamp prints of these buildings to redeem souvenirs.

### **Educational Programmes Organised by AMO**

11. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:

- (a) “Launch from Greater Bay Area: Nanhai I Shipwreck and the Maritime Silk Road” exhibition staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) from 16 August 2024 to 12 February 2025 has recorded a total attendance of 70 732;
- (b) “Dinosaur Parlour” staged at HDC since 20 December 2024 has recorded an attendance of 81 979 as at 15 May 2025;
- (c) 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, 48 historic buildings on 37 sites were selected and included by AMO. Information plaques with QR codes linked to audio guides have been installed on the buildings. 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;
- (d) 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 1 256 814 as at 15 May 2025;
- (e) 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 20 881 visitors in 1 251 guided tours as at 15 May 2025;

- (f) to celebrate the Chinese New Year, a fun day was held at HDC on 8 February 2025 (Saturday) 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;
- (g) to foster public interest in built and archaeology heritage and dinosaur fossils, and promote the works of AMO, a fun day “Cat Curators’ Super Missions” was held at HDC on 27 April 2025 (Sunday) with an array of interesting programmes themed on built heritage and dinosaur fossils. Participants were given specially designed souvenirs after completing each activity. The fun day attracted a total attendance of 3 686;
- (h) 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 12 lectures and ten workshops were held with a total attendance of 961 participants;
- (i) 882 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 February and 15 May 2025 with a total attendance of 13 256 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (j) 27 workshops, seven lectures / seminar and 222 sessions of video programme were held between 1 February and 15 May 2025, recording a total attendance of 12 355 participants. Details are at **Annex G**.