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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 May 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 May and 15 August 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 39 406 as at 15 August 2025, as compared with 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 be included in the event for the first time. Free guided tours will be offered at these historic buildings for 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 was 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 activities held there and collect stamp prints of these buildings to redeem souvenirs within June 2025. About 10 770 people participated in the campaign. To further promote the historic buildings to new visitors and tourists, the stamp print collection activity (without souvenir) has been relaunched since 1 August 2025.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

11. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:

- (a) “Dinosaur Parlour” staged at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) since 20 December 2024 has recorded an attendance of 113 514 as at 15 August 2025, as compared with 81 979 as at 15 May 2025;
- (b) “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness” exhibition staged at HDC since 28 June 2025 has recorded an attendance of 28 091 as at 15 August 2025;
- (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 with a new display “Sung Wong Toi and Maritime Trade” added has recorded a total attendance of 1 286 277 as at 15 August 2025;
- (d) Haw Par Mansion 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. Since 16 May 2025, a Virtual Reality display on “The ‘Ten Courts of Hell’ of Tiger Balm Garden” has been included in the itinerary of the guided tour. The guided tour has attracted a total of 23 576 visitors in 1 401 guided tours as at 15 August 2025, as compared with 20 881 visitors in 1 251 guided tours as at 15 May 2025;

- (e) the “Inseparable Ties: Cohesion as Told by Hong Kong Historic Buildings” exhibition (photo version) being staged at Ding Ling Memorial Hall in Changde of Hunan from 1 July to 30 September 2025 has recorded an attendance of 18 993 as at 31 July 2025;
- (f) to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, a series of special programmes were held on 1 July 2025 at HDC, including Declared Monument Colouring and a quiz game for the newly opened “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness” exhibition. The special programmes attracted a total attendance of 786;
- (g) 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, of which 827 attended the lectures and 134 attended the workshops respectively;
- (h) 743 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 May and 15 August 2025 with a total attendance of 9 925 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (i) 27 workshops, seven lectures and 181 sessions of video programme were held between 1 May and 15 August 2025, recording a total attendance of 4 491 participants. Details are at **Annex G**.