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 August 2025.

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 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 August and 15 November 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 43 672 as at 15 November 2025, as compared with 39 406 as at 15 August 2025.
- 8. Heritage Fiesta 2025 was held from 1 October to 30 November 2025, featuring ten declared monuments / graded historic buildings that once served as filming locations for movies, four of which were included in the event for the first time. Free guided tours were offered at these historic buildings for members of the public. To dovetail with the Fiesta, a roving exhibition is being held from 1 October to 30 December 2025 at various venues, including government premises (i.e. Lobby of Immigration Tower, Wan Chai and 11 public libraries) and two shopping malls.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

- 9. 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 142 852 as at 15 November 2025, as compared with 113 514 as at 15 August 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 88 941 as at 15 November 2025, as compared with 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 1 372 484 as at 15 November 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 26 534 visitors in 1 569 guided tours as at 15 November 2025, as compared with 23 576 visitors in 1 401 guided tours as at 15 August 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 17 October 2025 has recorded an attendance of 48 726;
- (f) to celebrate the National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival, two fun days with a series of special games and workshops were held on 1 and 7 October 2025 at HDC featuring the mega exhibition "Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness". The two fun days attracted a total attendance of 8 724 and 6 470 respectively;
- (g) the International Symposium on Living Heritage and Urban Renewal Development was held between 17 and 18 October 2025 at HDC. The associated field visit of living heritage in Hong Kong for participating scholars was held on 19 and 20 October 2025. The four-day programme attracted at total of 525 participants;

- (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, of which 827 attended the lectures and 134 attended the workshops respectively;
- (i) 993 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 August and 15 November 2025 with a total attendance of 14 000 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (j) 16 workshops, 13 lectures and 156 sessions of video programme were held between 1 August and 15 November 2025, recording a total attendance of 18 364 participants. Details are at **Annex G**.

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