

**For information
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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 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). Subsequent to the approval given by the Chief Executive on 21 January 2026, the declaration was published in the Gazette and took effect on 30 January 2026. The subsidiary legislation was tabled for negative vetting at the Legislative Council on 4 February 2026. The legislative process was completed with the expiry of the negative vetting period on 4 March 2026.

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 Projects

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 November 2025 and 15 February 2026 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 45 696 as at 15 February 2026, as compared with 43 672 as at 15 November 2025.

9. 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 was 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. Heritage Fiesta 2026 will be held from 1 November to

31 December 2026 featuring historic buildings in the Northern Metropolis and the related roving exhibition will be held from 1 October to 31 December 2026.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

10. 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 187 733 as at 15 February 2026, as compared with 142 852 as at 15 November 2025;
 - (b) “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness” exhibition staged at HDC from 28 June to 31 December 2025 has recorded a total attendance of 127 449, as compared with 88 941 as at 15 November 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 1 426 632 as at 15 February 2026, as compared with 1 372 484 as at 15 November 2025;
 - (d) Haw Par Mansion had 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” had been included in the itinerary of the guided tour. The guided tour has attracted a total of 27 105 visitors in 1 593 guided tours as at 30 November 2025, as compared with 26 534 visitors in 1 569 guided tours as at 15 November 2025. Guided tours of Haw Par Mansion ceased after 30 November 2025 as the Mansion has to be handed over to The Foundation for Art and Culture Limited which was selected by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau to revitalise and operate it;
 - (e) the “Inseparable Ties: Cohesion as Told by Hong Kong Historic Buildings” exhibition (photo version) staged at Ding Ling Memorial

Hall in Changde of Hunan from 1 July to 17 October 2025 and Jincheng Museum of Shanxi from 24 October 2025 to 24 January 2026 has recorded an attendance of 48 726 and 31 032 respectively;

- (f) two learning days and two fun days with a series of specially designed games and workshops were held on 27-28 December 2025 and 14-15 February 2026 at HDC respectively. The learning days focused on the mega exhibition “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness”, and the fun days themed on the permanent exhibition and the Dinosaur Parlour to welcome the Year of the Horse. The learning days attracted a total attendance of 7 473 while the fun days attracted 11 115;
- (g) 1 139 guided tours were held at various heritage trails, heritage sites, HDC, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 November 2025 and 15 February 2026 with a total attendance of 18 939 participants. Details are at **Annex F**; and
- (h) 30 workshops, 17 lectures and 112 sessions of video programme were held between 1 November 2025 and 15 February 2026, recording a total attendance of 24 178 participants. Details are at **Annex G**.

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