

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments
on the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
Renovation of Block P in Kowloon Hospital**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (“HIA”) report in respect of **Renovation of Block P in Kowloon Hospital (the “Graded Building”)**, and has the following comments:

- (a) The project proponent proposed that the restoration of roof and façade, and internal features (e.g. fireplaces, staircases) shall follow the original designs, with new elements marked to differentiate. Further assessment and monitoring proposals of the impact shall be submitted to and agreed with AMO;
- (b) AMO raises no objection to the demolition works, provided that no damages will be made to Block P. Detailed documentation shall be conducted before the commencement of any demolition works. Further assessment and monitoring proposals of the impact shall be submitted to and agreed with AMO;
- (c) Construction will employ lightweight materials in reversible manner, and designs will be compatible yet clearly distinguishable from the historic fabric. Internal partitions will be retained, and if alterations are required, original features will be reused as far as practicable. The new installations (e.g., sprinkler tank/pump room) will be placed outside the site boundary or at less prominent locations of Block P. AMO considers the proposed treatments acceptable in principle from heritage conservation perspective. However, the project proponent is required to submit further assessment and monitoring proposals of the impact to AMO for agreement; and
- (d) Cartographic and photographic surveys shall be conducted for the Graded Building before and after the commencement of works. A set of such records will be provided to AMO for record and future uses in research, exhibition and educational programmes.

Annex B

2. In addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, AMO proposed further enhancement measures as agreeable by the project proponent as follows:

- (a) To ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a heritage consultant should be appointed by the Hospital Authority to monitor implementation of the mitigation measures and record any changes and variations, and to prepare progress reports for AMO's noting and action as appropriate;
- (b) To consult and obtain agreement from AMO as early as possible on any deviation of scope and design from the HIA report for agreement before commencement of such works; and
- (c) To provide AMO with the contractor's design during the earlier design stage and seek AMO's agreement on the required assessments, surveys and proposals, before commencement of any on-site construction works.

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