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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 2026.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Declaration of Monuments

2. At the meeting on 11 June 2026, the Antiquities Advisory Board (the “Board”) recommended the declaration of Hung Shing Temple at Nos. 129 & 131 Queen’s Road East in Wan Chai and Stanley Mosque at No. 53 Tung Tau Wan Road in Stanley as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). Statutory procedure for the declaration is underway.

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

Archaeological Licences

5. The progress of archaeological projects with licences issued is summarised at Annex C.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Statistics

6. Statistics on educational and publicity activities organised by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office ("CHO") and AMO between 1 May and 15 August 2026 are at Annex D.

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 50 590 as at 15 August 2026, as compared with 48 744 as at 15 May 2026. As part of our continuing efforts to widen audience coverage, post on Heritage LIVE 活歷。香港 have been disseminated simultaneously on both Instagram and Facebook since 13 August 2026.

8. The annual flagship publicity event Heritage Fiesta (HF) will be held from 2 October to 31 December 2026. Under the theme of "Traversing Northern Metropolis", the 2026 edition of HF will feature several selected historic buildings located in the Northern Metropolis (NM), which consist of declared monuments and graded historic buildings (participating buildings) under private ownership, management of AMO and non-profit-making organisations participating in the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme. Among them, two participating buildings are related to the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression. In collaboration with the Northern Metropolis Co-ordination Office, a series of public engagement activities including roving exhibition, guided tours, talks, etc. will be provided to the public to deepen their understanding of the historical significance of Hong Kong's built heritage. This year's edition will specially introduce open-top heritage bus tours, offering the

public with three unique thematic routes to explore the rich built heritage of the NM. The preparatory work is underway. Details of the programme will be announced in September 2026.

9. Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Board, the HF this year will also feature a dedicated exhibition board tracing the Board's work over the past five decades, together with a commemorative stamp for the public to collect stamp imprints as a keepsake of this special occasion.

Educational Programmes Organised by AMO

10. Major educational activities organised by AMO include:

- (a) “The Majestic Han: A Golden Age of Vigour and Cultural Integration” exhibition staged at the Heritage Discovery Centre (“HDC”) from 20 March to 20 September 2026 has recorded an attendance of 142 683 as at 31 August 2026, as compared with 69 601 as at 15 May 2026, and exceeded the attendance of the “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness” exhibition in 2025;
- (b) “Dinosaur Parlour” staged at HDC since 20 December 2024 and with displays renewed in March 2026 has recorded an attendance of 247 509 as at 15 August 2026, as compared with 220 431 as at 15 May 2026;
- (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 1 523 384 as at 15 August 2026, as compared with 1 480 373 as at 15 May 2026;
- (d) The “Inseparable Ties: Cohesion as Told by Hong Kong Historic Buildings” exhibition (photo version) is staged at Ding Ling Memorial Hall in Changde of Hunan from 1 July to 17 October 2025, Jincheng Museum of Shanxi from 24 October 2025 to 24 January 2026 and Jinci

Museum in Shanxi in the Chinese Mainland from 18 May to 3 July 2026, and has recorded an attendance of 48 726, 31 032 and 554 200 respectively. In parallel, it is being staged at H6 CONET in Hong Kong from 1 to 31 August 2026, followed by the Tai Po Civic Centre from 19 September to 18 October 2026;

- (e) Following the success of “Tang Vogue Beyond the Horizons: A Golden Era of Multicultural Integration and Openness” exhibition at HDC in 2025, AMO supported it to be staged from 18 May to 1 September 2026 at The Oriental Metropolitan Museum in Nanjing by providing archaeological finds dated to Tang dynasty unearthed in Hong Kong. The exhibition has recorded an attendance of 222 000 as at 15 August 2026. Separately, AMO jointly organised with Zhongshan Museum and other cultural institutions in the Greater Bay Area (“GBA”) to stage the “Tracing a Shared Lineage: The Early History of The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” exhibition at Zhongshan Museum from 17 July to 18 October 2026. The exhibition has recorded an attendance of 124 530 as at 15 August 2026;
- (f) ‘Taking Strides in Tai Po – A Journey through the District’s Heritage’ photo exhibition was staged at the Tai Po Civic Centre from 23 February to 31 March 2026, followed by Sha Tin Town Hall from 18 to 31 May 2026 and H6 CONET from 6 to 26 June 2026, and has recorded an attendance of 4 840, 965 and 86 006 respectively;
- (g) Eight Fun Days with specially designed games and workshops were held on 1-3 May, 10 May, 13-14 June, 21 June and 1 July 2026 at HDC. They were themed on the permanent exhibition, the Dinosaur Parlour, the exhibition “The Majestic Han: A Golden Age of Vigour and Cultural Integration” as well as to complement the May Day Golden Week, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, China Cultural and Natural Heritage Day, and to celebrate the return of Hong Kong to the Motherland. A total attendance of 47 500 was recorded in the fun days;
- (h) The “Tracing the Greater Bay Area · Heritage in Continuum – Greater Bay Area Education Heritage Trail” Check-in and Lucky Draw Event

is held jointly with Guangdong and Macao from 1 July to 16 September 2026. Participants can choose their preferred difficulty level and check-in the sites along the GBA Education Heritage Trail they selected. Those who have completed the designated check-in tasks are eligible to enter the lucky draw. Winners will be announced on 23 September 2026;

- (i) “The Eight Cultural Heritage Summer Course for Secondary School Students of the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, and Macao SARs” was held from 3 to 9 August 2026. The summer course was themed on Maritime Silk Road. It aimed at enhancing the participants’ understanding of the role of Fuzhou, Quanzhou and Xiamen in Fujian Province in Maritime Silk Road. A range of inspiring learning activities like site visits, field trips, lectures, and hands-on participation at various heritage sites and museums were held;
- (j) 886 guided tours were held at various heritage trails and sites, HDC, and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery between 1 May and 15 August 2026 with a total attendance of 10 586 participants. Details are at **Annex E**; and
- (k) 142 workshops, 19 lectures, 120 sessions of video programme, and other education activities were held between 1 May and 15 August 2026, recording a total attendance of 70 819 participants. Details are at **Annex F**.

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