

TO:

The Chairman & Members
Antiquities Advisory Board
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I/We SUPPORT the Antiquities Advisory Board confirming Heritage Grade 1 on the Central Government Offices site and all its buildings and that the Board recommends Monument Status to the Antiquities Authority.

BECAUSE, amongst many reasons:

1. This heritage site has been Hong Kong's seat of governance since the 1840s and deserves the highest respect and grading from our heritage protection legislation and administrative criteria.
2. The present Main, East and West Wings of the Central Government Offices were designed and built as a "harmonious, integral cluster" and all three wings must be preserved intact and thus treated as of equal architectural importance.
3. The three wings of the Central Government Offices are unique and a significant example of modernist, functional architectural design that is the precursor of many similar buildings built in the 1950s and 1960s.
4. As a place of governance and public administration this site and these buildings witnessed an unprecedented range of historic legislative, administrative and public decision-making and interaction with the public.

Other comments: *I am appalled at the government's wishes to demolish yet another site with historical significance to HK, and to create yet another high rise / shopping mall in such a saturated part of town. HK government undermines the value of sites which has HK people's collective memory. We do not want an extension of the IFC or Harbour City or 1881 here to ruin the Government Hill site, nor do we want the traffic and pollution to get worse in Central! Please plan HK better – all the expats I know are moving to Singapore because of the pollution here!*

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