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(Attn: Miss Flora Tai)

19 September 2008

Dear Miss Tai,

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs  
Follow-up to meeting on 14 March 2008**

I refer to the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs held on 14 March 2008, during which the subject of "National Education and Human Rights Education" was discussed. The Home Affairs Bureau had referred us to paragraph 16 of the minutes of meeting, and relayed to us the concern of Hon Chan Yuen-han and her request for us to provide information on the efforts made by the Development Bureau in preserving heritage which could help build up people's sense of cultural identity and enhance understanding of past history.

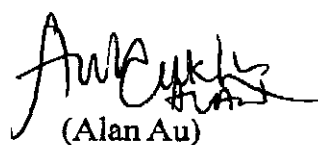
**Public education in heritage conservation**

Hong Kong's heritage is a testimony to our unique past and helps define our cultural identity. Historic buildings are part of our cultural heritage and can help the community better understand our past and build up the sense of belongings. The Chief Executive has announced, in his 2007-08 Policy Address in October 2007, to protect, conserve and revitalise as appropriate historical buildings and heritage sites and buildings through relevant and sustainable approaches for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Since then, Government has implemented a series of measures including, inter alia, enhancement of our public education and community awareness of heritage conservation –

- (a) we have launched a publicity campaign "Public Awareness Campaign on Heritage Conservation" from January to March 2008, comprising a series of activities to promote public awareness on heritage conservation. The activities include roving exhibitions at major shopping malls which were attended by some 40 000 visitors, eight lectures and public seminars, five guided tours and local heritage field trips, a workshop, a photo competition, an international conference, etc.;
- (b) we have set up a dedicated heritage website ([www.heritage.gov.hk](http://www.heritage.gov.hk)) to enhance effective communication with the public at large. This, together with the website of the Antiquities and Monuments Office ([www.amo.gov.hk](http://www.amo.gov.hk)), provides a platform for public education through the Internet; and
- (c) we have conducted open days for the launch of seven historic buildings included in the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, as well as an open day for the Former Married Police Quarters at Hollywood Road; and
- (d) the above, together with our standing efforts in the various public education programmes on our heritage (including school programmes, family programmes, public programmes and lecture series) at the museums operated by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (including the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre, etc.) provide a comprehensive package of public education programmes with a view to enhancing awareness and recognition of our cultural identities.

Nonetheless, we note the rising interest and aspiration of the community on preserving our built heritage and we also note the opportunities in promoting national education and public awareness of our past history through heritage conservation. With the establishment of the Commissioner for Heritage's Office in April 2008, we plan to further intensify our efforts on public education and publicity. We will take the inputs from Members into account when formulating the strategy of our public education efforts.

Yours sincerely



(Alan Au)

for Commissioner for Heritage

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Secretary for Home Affairs

(Attn: Miss Polly Kwok)

(Attn: Miss Rebecca Lou)

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Attn: Dr Louis Ng)