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Background brief on heritage conservation

Purpose

This paper sets out background information on the heritage conservation policy and relevant initiatives announced by the Administration in October 2008, and provides a summary of Members' concerns and views on relevant issues.

Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy launched in 2004

2. In February 2004, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) published a consultation document and launched a three-month public consultation exercise on the Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy. The objective of the Review was to formulate a holistic approach and effective implementation measures to enhance built heritage conservation work. The Review proceeded in two stages, with the first stage focusing on broad policy issues and the second stage on proposed implementation measures. The consultation document set out a number of key policy issues, and invited the public to give views on three broad questions, namely, "what should we conserve?"; "how do we conserve?"; and "how much and who should pay?". Over 500 responses had been received at the conclusion of the first-stage of the public consultation exercise.

3. In reporting the results of the public consultation to the Panel on Home Affairs (HA Panel) in November 2004, HAB advised that it would start to study the implementation issues, including the following -

- (a) setting up of a heritage trust fund;
- (b) introduction of appropriate planning tools and economic incentives;

- (c) innovative and sustainable adaptive re-use of conserved built heritage;
- (d) better co-ordination of heritage conservation work;
- (e) formulation of a holistic approach, assessment criteria, different methods of conservation and a strategy on enhancing community participation; and
- (f) strengthening of heritage education and publicity.

4. In response to growing public concerns over the built heritage conservation, as manifested in the old Star Ferry Pier incident, HAB organized a series of public forums in January and February 2007 to provide the community with an opportunity to understand the Government's current policy and measures on built heritage conservation, and to express views on what and how to conserve our built heritage before the Administration finalized the policy review. Over 600 participants attended the forums. The Administration also made use of other channels (e.g. radio and television programmes, website forum and e-mail) to disseminate information and collect public views.

5. The Administration provided a summary of the public views and suggestions gathered on the review of built heritage conservation policy from 2004 to early 2007 to the HA Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1599/06-07(01) issued in April 2007.

Heritage conservation policy and initiatives announced by the Administration in October 2007

6. With the setting up of the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the re-organisation of the Policy Bureaux of the Government Secretariat on 1 July 2007, the policy responsibility on heritage conservation has since then been transferred from HAB to DEVB.

7. DEVB issued the Legislative Council (LegCo) Brief on Heritage Conservation Policy [File Ref : DEVB(CR)(W) 1-55/68/01] on 10 October 2007 promulgating a policy statement to guide heritage conservation work and a package of measures endorsed by the Chief Executive in Council as follows-

Policy statement

“To protect, conserve and revitalise as appropriate historical and heritage sites and buildings through relevant and sustainable approaches for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. In implementing this policy, due regard should be given to development

needs in the public interest, respect for private property rights, budgetary considerations, cross-sector collaboration and active engagement of stakeholders and the general public.”

Package of initiatives

- (a) The Administration to focus for the time being on administrative means to implement measures on heritage conservation instead of using legislative means;
- (b) In the Government domain, the Administration to introduce -
 - (i) an internal mechanism requiring Heritage Impact Assessments to be conducted for new capital works projects where necessary; and
 - (ii) a scheme for adaptive re-use of Government-owned historic buildings by engaging non-profit making organizations for running social enterprises;
- (c) In the private sector domain, the Administration to -
 - (i) accept in principle the need for appropriate incentive schemes to facilitate the conservation of privately-owned historic buildings and undertake to actively engage relevant stakeholders in devising appropriate measures including land exchange and transfer of development rights; and
 - (ii) extend the current financial assistance to enhance the maintenance of privately-owned historic buildings from declared monuments to graded buildings subject to certain conditions;
- (d) The setting up of a Commissioner for Heritage’s Office in the Development Bureau to provide a focal point for the Government’s heritage conservation work and local and overseas networking;
- (e) In the longer run, to examine the setting up of a heritage trust in Hong Kong to take over heritage conservation work and better mobilise community support; and

- (f) The Administration to proactively engage the public to ensure that views of stakeholders and concern groups are taken into account in finalizing the above initiatives for implementation.

Discussion by the Panel on Home Affairs on the new policy statement and initiatives

8. On 2 January 2008, the HA Panel¹ discussed the new policy statement and the package of initiatives on heritage conservation. Members in general were supportive of the policy objective of enhancing heritage conservation work, but were dissatisfied with the progress made and the lack of concrete measures to protect historic buildings under private ownership.

Legislation and funding

9. Some members considered that it would not be possible to bring about any real improvement to heritage conservation, unless amendments were made to the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) (A&M Ordinance). They considered that under the A&M Ordinance, the threshold of historical, archaeological or palaeontological significance qualifying a building as a monument was very high, rendering it difficult for a historic building to meet the threshold. The members opined that the Administration should consider revamping the legislation to provide different levels of statutory protection for different grades of historic buildings.

10. The Administration responded that the A&M Ordinance did provide effective in protecting historic buildings which merited statutory protection. As to whether the statutory threshold for preservation was too high, it was necessary to ascertain firstly the number of historic buildings which were worthy of conservation but failed to meet the threshold. The Administration would therefore expedite the heritage assessment for the some 1 400 historic buildings (including 495 already graded buildings) selected from around 8 800 buildings with over 50 years of age in Hong Kong. The assessment was expected to be completed by the end of 2008.

11. While noting that the Administration would seek funding of \$1 billion to support the operation of the Revitalizing Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalization Scheme), some members considered that the Administration should inject more resources into heritage conservation and

¹ The monitoring and examination of Government policies and issues relating to development-related heritage conservation had been under the purview of the Panel on Home Affairs, and was taken up by the Panel on Development at the beginning of the 2008-2009 legislative session.

set up a fund for buying those privately-owned historic buildings which were under the threat of demolition. The Administration advised that a heritage trust would be considered in the longer term when heritage conservation work had gained wider recognition in the community. The Administration would also study overseas experience to assess the suitability of setting up a heritage conservation trust in Hong Kong.

Protection of historic buildings under private ownership

12. Some members expressed concern about the lack of incentives for private owners to carry out maintenance of the historic buildings owned by them. The Administration advised that recognizing the need for appropriate economic incentive schemes to facilitate private owners to preserve historic buildings under their ownership, the Administration would actively engage relevant stakeholders in devising appropriate measures including land exchange and transfer of development rights. The Administration would also expand the scope of an existing financial assistance scheme to assist private owners of both declared monuments and graded historic buildings to carry out repairs and regular maintenance.

13. Some members, however, considered that despite the provision of financial assistance under the maintenance scheme, private owners might demolish their historic buildings for the sake of making profits. They maintained that the A&M Ordinance should be amended to provide for statutory protection for graded historic buildings. However, there was a view that if a policy was adopted which disallowed any structural works or demolition from being carried out in any privately-owned historic building including those without monument status, such rigid restrictions might affect the property value of the building and the interest of the private owner concerned.

Conservation approach

14. Some members considered that the Administration had failed to set out clear and objective criteria for deciding on the appropriate conservation approach to be adopted for specific heritage items. For instance, while the Administration was willing to preserve King Yin Lei by way of land exchange, it did not propose to preserve the 600-year-old Nga Tsin Wai Village intact.

15. The Administration responded that with the release of the new heritage conservation policy, heritage conservation work would have to fully comply with the guiding principles stated in the policy statement. The heritage value of the Nga Tsin Wai Village had been affected by alterations and its dilapidated conditions, and the present conservation plan could satisfy fully the preservation requirements suggested by the Antiquities Advisory Board.

Revitalization Scheme

16. Members in general supported the Revitalization Scheme. Some members expressed concern about the responsibility for maintenance of the seven historic buildings included in the Scheme. Some members urged the Administration to identify more suitable historic buildings for inclusion into the Scheme. Noting that the Scheme would only accept applications from non-governmental organizations having acquired charitable status under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, a member expressed the view that no restriction should be imposed on the nature of the participating organizations as long as these organizations agreed to use the proceeds generated from operation of the social enterprises in the historic buildings for charity purpose.

17. The Administration advised that it was exploring the suitability of some other historic buildings for inclusion in the next batch of the Revitalization Scheme, which might be implemented by an open tender approach involving private enterprises in commercial operations. As regards maintenance responsibility, the Administration confirmed that as the seven historic buildings were all government-owned, the Government would continue to be responsible for funding the maintenance and repair of the structural parts of and slopes adjacent to the buildings after they had been let to successful applicants.

Discussion by the Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation on specific projects

18. The HA Panel set up a subcommittee in June 2007 to follow up on projects which might affect buildings or sites with unique heritage value. The Subcommittee had held a total of 10 meetings with the Administration to discuss various projects affecting altogether seven buildings and sites of historic interest or cultural value. These seven buildings and sites of historic interest or cultural value included Queen's Pier, Nga Tsin Wai Village, Wan Chai Market Building, the open-air bazaar at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street, King Yin Lei at No.45 Stubbs Road, the Central Police Station Compound, and the original site of the Central School at Hollywood Road. The stakeholders of some relevant projects were also invited to join the discussions.

19. After fruitful exchange of views among the Subcommittee, the Administration and relevant stakeholders, the Administration eventually agreed to the Subcommittee's request and devised a plan to preserve the entire open-air bazaar at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street. The Administration also undertook to carry out necessary improvement work to enhance the support

facilities in the vicinity and the environment of the bazaar. On the preservation arrangement for King Yin Lei, the Administration assured the Subcommittee that it would adhere strictly to the established procedures of the Lands Department for lease modifications and charging of land premium in handling King Yin Lei, as well as in any future case involving some form of transfer of development right as a means to help preserve historic buildings in private ownership.

20. The HA Panel agreed that the following major issues discussed by the Subcommittee should be followed up with the Administration –

- (a) in considering the most suitable site for re-assembling Queen's Pier, the Administration should take into account the strong view expressed by some Subcommittee members that Queen's Pier should be re-assembled at its original location;
- (b) the Administration should take heed of the common concern expressed by some Subcommittee members and Central and Western District Council that the new iconic structure proposed to be built under the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to revitalise the Central Police Station Compound was too tall and would have adverse impact on the surrounding area; and
- (c) the Administration should respond to a Subcommittee member's view that the community should be engaged to discuss the conservation of Nga Tsin Wai Village given its unique heritage value and, in order not to delay the compensation arrangements for the villagers, the Urban Renewal Authority should consider acquiring the affected properties before completion of the relevant statutory planning procedures.

Recent developments

21. In briefing the Panel on Development on the policy initiatives of the Development Bureau in the Policy Address 2008-2009 at the Panel meeting on 22 October 2008, the Administration updated members on the ongoing and planned heritage conservation and revitalization projects. The relevant extract of the Administration's paper is given in **Appendix I**.

22. A list of motions/questions relating to heritage conservation moved/raised at Council meetings since the first LegCo is in **Appendix II**. The Official Records of Proceedings of relevant Council meetings are available on the LegCo website at <http://www.legco.gov.hk>.

23. A list of relevant papers for Panel meetings is in **Appendix III**.

**Extract from the Administration's paper on
"Initiatives of Development Bureau in the 2008-09 Policy Address and
Policy Agenda" (LC Paper No. CB(1)55/08-09(01))**

Heritage Conservation

In the coming years, heritage conservation will continue to be a priority for DEVB. Since the announcement of the new heritage conservation policy and a package of initiatives to promote heritage conservation in the 2007-08 Policy Address, the Government has established the Commissioner for Heritage's Office and made good progress on various fronts.

2. In the Government domain –

- (a) we have already implemented the Heritage Impact Assessment mechanism for all new capital works projects. This will ensure that impact on heritage sites will be avoided or minimised and mitigation measures be devised if impact is unavoidable;
- (b) we have launched the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme”. The Scheme aims to provide financial assistance to non-profit-making organisations to put selected historic buildings to adaptive re-use. There was exceptionally good response to the Scheme and 114 applications were received for the first batch of seven government-owned historic buildings. An Advisory Committee on the Revitalisation of Historic Buildings, comprising relevant professionals and experts, has been formed to assess the applications. We expect that the vetting for the first batch of buildings would be completed by the end of the year and we will approach LegCo for funding under the sum of \$1 billion earmarked by the CE in his 2007-08 Policy Address to implement the successful projects. We are also planning to launch the second batch of buildings for the Scheme;
- (c) we have completed a review on the relationship between the monument declaration system under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap.53) (the Ordinance) and the grading system of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) and are discussing with AAB on the way forward;

- (d) we aim to complete the comprehensive grading of some 1,440 historic buildings by the end of this year and consult the AAB on the results of the review;
- (e) we have, in the past year, declared three historic buildings (Maryknoll Convent School, King Yin Lei and the Green Island Lighthouses Compound) as monuments under the Ordinance for permanent protection. As regards the historic building at 128 Pokfulam Road (Jessville), although we have removed its proposed monument status upon its being accorded a Grade III status by AAB, we are engaging the owners on possible development cum conservation proposals; and
- (f) we have conducted studies on overseas practice in adapting building codes to facilitate adaptive re-use of historic buildings and overseas experience on revitalisation of historic buildings. We will apply this practice and experience in our heritage conservation work as appropriate.

3. In the private domain –

- (a) we have applied the policy on economic incentives to facilitate conservation of privately-owned historic buildings to the first case of King Yin Lei through a non in-situ land exchange arrangement with the owner. The matter is progressing well and subject to completion of the town planning process, the land grant will be effected. Meanwhile, restoration under the supervision of a Mainland expert is under way; and
- (b) we have launched a scheme to provide financial assistance to facilitate maintenance of privately-owned graded historic buildings. Under the scheme, owners receiving financial assistance have to open up the buildings for some public access.

4. With the Commissioner for Heritage's Office serving as a focal point, we have stepped up efforts on public engagement and discussions on various heritage projects. We have launched a publicity and public awareness campaign from January to May 2008 and activities organised included exhibitions, seminars, photo competition, etc. We have also set up a dedicated heritage website (www.heritage.gov.hk) and published a bimonthly newsletter “活化@Heritage” to enhance effective communication with the public at large.

5. In the coming year, we will take forward the following major heritage conservation and revitalisation projects –

(a) Central School (in the Former Hollywood Road Police Married Quarters Site)

In the past year, we have conducted various studies on the site including its historical significance, development potential and constraints and the ambience of the area. We have launched a public engagement exercise from February to May 2008 and received valuable views on how to put the site to best use. In his Policy Address, the CE has announced that we will remove the site from commercial sale once and for all and will involve the public in finding the best approach to revitalise the site for education and creative industries uses while recognising its historical significance. We intend to launch an expression of interest exercise/open design competition next year to invite private organisations, professionals and prospective operations to submit creative proposals on how best to revitalise the site;

(b) Central Police Station Compound

Following a six-month public engagement exercise from October 2007 to April 2008 conducted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), the Administration has entered into a partnership with HKJC to take forward the conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station Compound project based on a number of parameters. HKJC is now working with its architects to come up with a revised conceptual design of the proposed new structure which will address the various concerns raised during the public engagement process. The project will need to go through statutory procedures, including those under the Town Planning Ordinance and the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance and the public will have opportunities to express their views; and

(c) Commercial usage of historic buildings

We will also explore various options of making best use of historic buildings considered to have good commercial potential.

In particular, we are planning to invite Expression of Interest by private operators for the adaptive re-use of Haw Par Mansion. A possibility is to make use of the Mansion for wine-related facilities to help promote the development of wine industry in Hong Kong.

Appendix II

List of questions and motions raised/moved at Council meetings

Meeting date	Motion/Question
23.2.00	Written question on "Conversion of historical buildings for cultural use " raised by Hon Howard YOUNG
9.1.02	Written question on how the Urban Renewal Authority could achieve the aims of heritage conservation in implementing redevelopment projects raised by Hon Fred LI
18.12.02	Motion on "Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper 2002" moved by Hon MA Fung-kwok. The motion was carried.
12.2.03	Motion on "Policy on heritage preservation" moved by Hon LAU Ping-cheung. The motion was carried.
19.3.03	Written question on "Preservation of privately owned buildings with conservation value" raised by Hon WONG Sing-chi
24.3.04	Motion on "Conservation of monuments and heritage" moved by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung. The motion was carried.
10.11.04	Motion on "Conserving the Central Police Station Compound and formulating a comprehensive policy on antiquities and monuments" moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk. The motion was negatived.
2.3.05	Oral question on "Development plans for historical buildings" raised by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
26.4.06	Oral question on "Built heritage conservation policy" raised by Prof Hon Partick LAU
28.6.06	Motion on "Facilitating urban development" moved by Prof Hon Patrick LAU. The motion was carried.
5.7.06	Motion on "Fully conserving the 'Government Hill' " moved by Hon Fred LI. The motion was negatived.

Meeting date	Motion/Question
15.11.06	Written question on "Striving for valuable cultural or natural heritage in Hong Kong to be inscribed on the World Heritage List" raised by Hon LAU Kong-wah
6.12.06	Written question on "Management of monuments and historical buildings" raised by Hon Albert HO
	Written question on "Classifying historical buildings" raised by Hon CHOY So-yuk
13.12.06	Written question on "Display of train compartment" raised by Hon Bernard CHAN
17.1.07	Motion on "Policy on conservation of monuments" moved by Hon Audrey EU. The motion was carried.
18.4.07	Oral question on "Yau Ma Tei Theatre" raised by Hon Timothy FOK
2.5.07	Motion on "Conserving the Queen's Pier" moved by Hon Alan LEONG. The motion was negated.
16.5.07	Written question on "Lee Tat Bridge in Shui Tsan Tin Tsuen, Pat Heung" raised by Prof Hon Patrick LAU
	Written question on "Grading assessment of antiquities and monuments" raised by Hon LAU Wong-fat
30.5.07	Oral question on "Cultural heritage tourism" raised by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming
24.10.07	Written question on "Preservation of buildings of historic value" raised by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
7.11.07	Written question on "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" raised by Hon Bernard CHAN
9.1.08	Oral question on "King Yin Lei" raised by Dr Hon Yeung Sum
23.4.08	Written question on "Assessment of monuments and historic buildings" raised by Hon Fred Li

Appendix III

**Relevant papers and minutes of meetings
on review of built heritage conservation policy**

Date of meeting	Meeting	Papers / Minutes of meeting
22.3.04	Panel on Home Affairs	<p>Consultation document on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/chinese/panels/ha/papers/hacb2-rbhcp-ce.pdf</p> <p>Administration's paper on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1734/03-04(03)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0322cb2-1734-3e.pdf</p> <p>Summary of discussion at meetings between LegCo Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council [CB(2)1734/03-04(04)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0322cb2-1734-4e.pdf</p> <p>Minutes of meeting [CB(2)2000/03-04] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha040322.pdf</p>
9.11.04	Panel on Home Affairs	<p>Administration's paper on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)155/04-05(02)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1109cb2-155-2e.pdf</p>

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		<p data-bbox="730 371 1832 443">Consultation document on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/chinese/panels/ha/papers/hacb2-rbhcp-ce.pdf</p> <p data-bbox="730 491 1765 563">Minutes of meeting [CB(2)343/04-05] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha041109.pdf</p>
16.10.06	Panel on Home Affairs	<p data-bbox="730 611 2011 683">Administration's paper on "Policy Initiatives of Home Affairs Bureau" [CB(2)29/06-07(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1016cb2-29-01-e.pdf</p> <p data-bbox="730 730 1765 802">Minutes of meeting [CB(2)531/06-07] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha061016.pdf</p>
9.3.07	Panel on Home Affairs	<p data-bbox="730 855 1951 927">Administration's paper on "Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1215/06-07(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1215-1-e.pdf</p> <p data-bbox="730 975 2022 1094">Background brief on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1215/06-07(02)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1215-2-e.pdf</p> <p data-bbox="730 1142 2022 1254">Extract from the Report of the delegation of the former Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on its duty visit in September 2002 [CB(2)1215/06-07(03)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1215-3-e.pdf</p>

Date of meeting	Meeting	Papers / Minutes of meeting
		<p>Letter dated 5 March 2007 from the Convenor of Designing Hong Kong Harbour District and enclosures (English version only) [CB(2)1264/06-07(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1264-1-e.pdf</p> <p>Minutes of meeting [CB(2)1725/06-07] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha070309.pdf</p>
20.4.07	Panel on Home Affairs	<p>Administration's paper on "Views and Suggestions Received from the Public on the Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1599/06-07(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0420cb2-1599-1-e.pdf</p> <p>Administration's paper on "Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1215/06-07(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1215-1-e.pdf</p> <p>Background brief on "Review of Built Heritage Conservation Policy" [CB(2)1215/06-07(02)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0309cb2-1215-2-e.pdf</p> <p>Minutes of meeting [CB(2)2585/06-07] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr06-07/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha070420.pdf</p>
10.10.07		<p>Legislative Council Brief on "Heritage Conservation Policy" DEVB(CR)(W) 1-55/68/01 http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha-devbcrw1556801-e.pdf</p>

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15.10.07	Panel on Home Affairs	<p>Administration's paper on " 'Driving Development, Preserving Heritage' Initiatives of Development Bureau in the 2007-08 Policy Address and Policy Agenda" [CB(2)59/07-08(02)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1015cb2-59-2-e.pdf</p> <p>Minutes of meeting [CB(2)851/07-08] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha071015.pdf</p>
2.1.08	Panel on Home Affairs	<p>Administration's paper on heritage conservation policy [CB(2)637/07-08(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1220cb2-637-1-e.pdf</p> <p>Administration's paper on heritage-related initiatives in old Wan Chai area [CB(2)700/07-08(01)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0102cb2-700-1-e.pdf</p> <p>Administration's paper on Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme [CB(2)637/07-08(03)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1220cb2-637-3-e.pdf</p> <p>Paper on heritage conservation policy prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (background brief) [CB(2)637/07-08(02)] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/papers/ha1220cb2-637-2-e.pdf</p>

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		Minutes of meeting [CB(2)1692/07-08] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha080102.pdf
1.2.08	Finance Committee	Administration's paper on "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" [FCR(2007-08)52] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/fc/papers/f07-52e.pdf Minutes of meeting [FC128/07-08] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/fc/minutes/fc080201.pdf
21.2.08	Establishment Subcommittee	Administration's paper on " Proposed Creation of the Post of Commissioner for Heritage in Works Branch of Development Bureau" [EC(2007-08)16] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/esc/papers/e07-16e.pdf Minutes of meeting [ESC26/07-08] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/esc/minutes/es080221.pdf
25.4.08	Finance Committee	Administration's paper on " Proposed Creation of the Post of Commissioner for Heritage in Works Branch of Development Bureau" to seeks approval of the recommendations of the Establishment Subcommittee made at its meeting held on 21 February 2008 [FCR(2008-09)1] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/fc/papers/f08-01e.pdf

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		Minutes of meeting [FC30/08-09] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/fc/fc/minutes/fc080425.pdf
13.6.08	Panel on Home Affairs	Report of the Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation [CB(2)2217/07-08] http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/ha/ha_heccb2-2217-e.pdf
11.7.08		LegCo brief on declaration of King Yin Lei at 45 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong as a Monument http://www.heritage.gov.hk/en/doc/LegCo_Brief_KYL_Eng.pdf
15.7.08		LegCo brief on conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station Compound: The Hong Kong Jockey Club's Proposal http://www.heritage.gov.hk/en/doc/LegCoBriefCPS.pdf
22.10.08	Panel on Development	Administration's paper on "Initiatives of the Development Bureau in the 2008-2009 Policy Address and Policy Agenda" http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/papers/dev1022cb1-55-1-e.pdf
2.12.08		LegCo brief on the proposed non-in-situ land exchange for the preservation of King Yin Lei at 45 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong http://www.heritage.gov.hk/en/doc/LegCoBriefKYL.pdf