

**Subcommittee on Antiquities and Monuments
(Withdrawal of Declaration of Proposed Monument)
(No. 128 Pok Fu Lam Road) Notice**

Follow-up to meeting on 29 February 2008

The Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide the following information –

1. What options are available legally to preserve the buildings and the adjoining land within Rural Building Lot No. 324, No. 128 Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong together with all structures erected on such land (the Building);
2. Why an independent expert has not been appointed to assess the heritage value of the Building? As the Antiquities and Monument Office (AMO) has undertaken the assessment by itself, what kind of expertise is required for such assessment and why AMO is considered capable of undertaking the task;
3. Which members of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) had visited the Building and when was the visit conducted? What was the information provided to them to facilitate their understanding and assessment of the heritage value of the Building and when was it provided? Whether any discussions had been held with these members after the visit; and, if so, the details of the discussions;
4. Whether the Grade III status accorded to the Building by AAB can be reviewed;
5. In addition to the on-site inspections of the Building, what other actions have been taken by the Administration between the period after the declaration of the Building as a Proposed Monument on 20 April 2007 and before the withdrawal of the declaration on 1 February 2008? Whether the Administration had held any discussions with the owners of the Building, and, if so, what were the outcomes;
6. Whether any loopholes in the existing policy on heritage preservation have been revealed concerning the declaration of the Building as a Proposed Monument and the subsequent withdrawal of the declaration? If the answer is "yes", what are they? If the answer is "no", why; and
7. Information on the rezoning application filed by the owners of the Building to the Town Planning Board.