

Batch II of Funding Scheme for Public Engagement Projects of Built Heritage Conservation Fund approves four projects

The Development Bureau announced today (January 27) that four projects were approved under Batch II of the Funding Scheme for Public Engagement Projects of the Built Heritage Conservation Fund, involving a total amount of about \$7.2 million.

Centred on the themes of “Looking After Our Historic Buildings”, “Engaging Young People in Heritage Conservation” and “Our Built Heritage and Our Community: Education, Religion and Heritage”, a variety of activities will be organised under the four funded projects to raise public awareness of built heritage in several schools and their surrounding communities, historic buildings in the Causeway Bay area, the conservation of chapels and historic village houses on the Sai Kung Peninsula, and the use of aerial photographs in historic building research and conservation.

The Government launched Batch I of the Funding Scheme as a pilot initiative in 2017 to provide financial support for public education, community involvement and publicity activities pertaining to built heritage conservation. Applications were invited from professional institutes closely involved in the conservation of built heritage, and the approved projects have been completed. The eligibility for Batch II of the Funding Scheme has been extended to local non-profit-making organisations with experience in built heritage conservation, with a maximum funding of \$2 million per project.

Details of the approved projects are available on the website of the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office (www.heritage.gov.hk).