

Former North Kowloon Magistracy included in Batch VI of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme

The Development Bureau today (August 20) announced that the Former North Kowloon Magistracy has been included in Batch VI of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme), and revitalisation proposals from non-profit-making organisations are invited with a view to identifying a new use for the building.

The Former North Kowloon Magistracy, located at No. 292, Tai Po Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, was one of the projects under Batch I of the Revitalisation Scheme. It was revitalised into the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) (Hong Kong) by the SCAD Foundation (Hong Kong) Limited, which commenced operation in September 2010 for the provision of non-local higher education courses in art and design.

SCAD (Hong Kong) notified the Government earlier that it would discontinue operation starting from June 1, 2020. The Government has taken over the historic building after the expiry of the tenancy (i.e. on August 1) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreement.

The application guide, the application form, the resource kit containing the historical background of the building and conservation guidelines, and other related information of the above revitalisation project can be obtained from the Commissioner for Heritage's Office of the Development Bureau (Unit 701B, 7/F, Empire Centre, 68 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon), or downloaded from its website at heritage.gov.hk. The deadline for submission of applications is noon on December 21.

Separately, an open day of this historic building with guided tours and briefings will tentatively be arranged on September 15 (pending the COVID-19 situation) for interested applicants to learn more about the application procedures and assessment criteria.

The invitation for applications for the other four projects under Batch VI of the Revitalisation Scheme (i.e. Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station Staff Quarters Compound; Homi Villa in Ting Kau, Tsuen Wan; King Yin Lei in Wan Chai; and Fong Yuen Study Hall in Ma Wan, Tsuen Wan) have commenced earlier and the deadline for applications is noon on September 3.

Enquiries can be made to the Revitalisation Scheme Secretariat by email at rhb_enquiry@devb.gov.hk or by phone on 2906 1560.