

Heritage Discovery Centre holds “Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Period Archaeological Discoveries from Kai Tak” exhibition (with photos)

An exhibition entitled "Treasures from Sacred Hill: Song-Yuan Period Archaeological Discoveries from Kai Tak", featuring around 200 archaeological finds unearthed at the Kai Tak area, will be open from tomorrow (December 24) until February 26, 2020, at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre.

The Chairman of the Antiquities Advisory Board, Mr Douglas So; the Commissioner for Heritage of the Development Bureau, Mr José Yam; and the Executive Secretary of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), Ms Susanna Siu, officiated at the opening ceremony today (December 23).

Following the closure of Kai Tak Airport in 1998, the planning work for the Kai Tak Development Area created opportunities for archaeological studies around the former Sacred Hill in today's Kowloon Bay. An abundance of cultural remains of the Song-Yuan period were unearthed, including a huge amount of ceramics produced by various kilns in Zhejiang, Fujian and Jiangxi. Similar products from the same period were exported widely and could be found in shipwrecks along the maritime ceramics route. The exhibition will enable visitors to understand more about the economic development, maritime trade and people's way of life in the area back then.

Exhibit highlights include green glazed incense burners with an eight trigrams pattern and a green glazed dish with a moulded double fish pattern produced by Longquan Kiln, a brown glazed dragon jar with lugs and a green glazed basin with a phoenix pattern produced by Cizao Kiln, and a Dagan Tongbao bronze coin. Ceramics from the same period on loan from the Art Museum of the Chinese University of Hong Kong will also be displayed.

Curated by the AMO, the exhibition has free admission. Details can be obtained from the AMO's website (www.amo.gov.hk) or by calling 2208 4400.

The Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre is located in Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.

