<u>Proposals invited for No. 23 Coombe</u> <u>Road at the Peak under Batch VII of</u> <u>Revitalising Historic Buildings</u> <u>Through Partnership Scheme</u>

The Development Bureau (DEVB) today (September 25) invited revitalisation proposals from non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) for No. 23 Coombe Road at the Peak, the second historic building under Batch VII of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme). The application deadline is noon on January 2, 2025.

No. 23 Coombe Road is a Grade 1 historic building constructed in 1887. It was originally designed as a private luxury house for residential purpose and is now one of the oldest surviving European houses on the Peak.

Guided tours to No. 23 Coombe Road will be arranged for NPOs on October 15 and a workshop will be held on October 17 for attendees to learn about the application procedures and assessment criteria. Interested NPOs can register from now until October 9 at www.heritage.gov.hk/en/revitalisation-scheme/batch-vii-of-revitalisation-sche me/guided-tour-and-workshop/index.html.

The application guide, application form and resource kit containing the historical background of the building and the conservation guidelines, as well as other related information, are available for download at www.heritage.gov.hk/en/revitalisation-scheme/batch-vii-of-revitalisation-scheme/batch-vii-of-revitalisation-scheme/index.html.

The other two historic buildings under Batch VII of the Revitalisation Scheme are Watervale House, the Former Gordon Hard Camp, in Tuen Mun, and the Old Lunatic Asylum (Chinese Block) in Sai Ying Pun. Applications for Watervale House, the Former Gordon Hard Camp, closed on April 10, and 10 applications have been received. The result is expected to be announced in the first half of 2025 upon completion of the assessment. Application arrangements for the Old Lunatic Asylum (Chinese Block) will be announced in due course.

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