WSD launches virtual tour of Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) launched a <u>virtual tour</u> of the Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir today (March 15).

The Antiquities and Monuments Office has completed research on the heritage value of the above-mentioned service reservoir. Having examined the value of the service reservoir based on the prevailing six assessment criteria, the independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel recommended a Grade 1 status for this historic structure. The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) endorsed the recommended grading at its meeting held on March 11, to be followed by a one-month public consultation starting from today.

The 360-degree virtual tour enables the public to tour the service reservoir and appreciate its internal structures. The virtual tour will also enhance the public's understanding of the service reservoir with a general introduction and showcase for its engineering features, thereby facilitating the public's participation in the public consultation of the proposed grading conducted by the AAB.

The WSD commenced the temporary strengthening and tidying up works for the service reservoir in January this year and will continue to carry out other improvement works, including provision of internal lighting and ventilation facilities in the service reservoir. After completing the required strengthening and improvement works, and ensuring the structural safety of the service reservoir, the WSD plans to allow restricted opening of the service reservoir for visiting by the public later this year.