Meaning/characteristic of Heritage and Historic Buildings

- 1. Building/s or other built-environment that reflected/conveyed a major historic event of significance.
- 2. Do, that reflected/conveyed the unique livelihood of certain groups of people.
- 3. Do, that signified the advancement of human technology.
- 4. Do, that trigger the evolution of specific human culture or social reform/habit.
- 5. Buildings that reflect universally recognized beauty.
- 6. Buildings that were designed or constructed by famous architects or even unnamed parties.
- 7. Buildings old enough to prove itself an outcome from a natural course of development.
- 8. Other features Buildings can be located at a single spot (single building or house), in a linear continuity (a street), or spread over an area (an entire land zone, or even a town, city)

According to Historical Themes

1. Emergence of Great Clans and Hakka Communities in the Rural Area

- 1.1 Establishment of Village Settlements
- 1.2 Establishment of Lineage Communities & Ancestral Halls
- 1.3 Development of Traditional Educational System
- 1.4 Establishment of Traditional Periodic Market Towns
- 1.5 Temples and Village Alliance System
- 1.6 Temples and Religious Beliefs

2. Maritime Defence of Hong Kong before British Arrival

- 2.1 Fortifications of Hong Kong in the Ming and Qing dynasties
- 2.2 Development of the Tariff System

3. Establishment of Colonial Rule and Maintenance of Social Stability

- 3.1 Establishment of Colonial Rule
- 3.1.1 Establishment of Administrative and Judiciary Systems
- 3.1.2 Establishment of Police and Internal Security Systems
- 3.1.3 Establishment of Public Infrastructures and Transports
- 3.1.4 Establishment of Coastal Fortifications
- 3.2 Self-governance of Chinese Communities
- 3.2.1 Lineage Community and Village Alliance System in the Rural Area
- 3.2.2 Chinese Voluntary Organizations in the Urban Area

4. Economic Activities in the Colonial Period

- 4.1 Commercial Activities in the Colonial Period
- 4.2 Market Activities including Periodic Markets and Market Buildings
- 4.3 Opium Trade
- 4.4 Local Industries

5. Social Development of the Colony

- 5.1 Social Life of Wealthy Classes or Social Leaders
- 5.1.1 Urban Area
- 5.1.2 Rural Area
- 5.2 Social Life of Ordinary Chinese
- 5.3 Social Life of Overseas Chinese
- 5.4 Cultural Diversity and Non-Chinese Communities
- 5.4.1 Non-Chinese Religious or Voluntary Organizations
- 5.4.2 Non-Chinese Cemeteries
- 5.4.3 Non-Chinese Recreation Clubs

6. Medical Development and Public Health of the Colony

- 6.1 Government Medical Services
- 6.2 Medical Services Provided by the Chinese Community
- 6.3 Centralized Animal Slaughtering Facilities
- 6.4 Free Resting Places for Dying Chinese (義祠)

7. Western Education and Educational Reform in the Colonial Period

- 7.1 Village Schools on Western Lines
- 7.2 Schools Established by Non-Chinese Religious or Voluntary Associations
- 7.3 Government Schools

8. Interaction between Hong Kong and Mainland China in Revolutionary Movements

- 8.1 Dr Sun Yat-sen and Nationalist Activities in Hong Kong
- 8.2 Communist Activities in Hong Kong

9. Military and Guerilla Activities during Japanese Invasion and Occupation

- 9.1 Military Defence against Japanese Invasion
- 9.2 Guerrilla activities in Hong Kong

10. Hong Kong in Post-war Years

- 10.1 Influx of Refugees
- 10.2 Public Housing
- 10.3 Economic Boom
- 10.4 Cultural Diversities
- 10.5 Public Administration

According to Building type

- Ancestral hall
- 2. Chinese temple
- 3. Walled village (圍村)
- 4. Village house
- 5. Residence
- 6. Shop house
- 7. Military facilities, Western and Chinese
- 8. Judiciary buildings
- 9. Police station and prison
- 10. Government facilities
- 11. Maritime facilities
- 12. Institutional facilities (e.g. social welfares)
- 13. Educational facilities incl. universities ... village school

- 15. Medical/sanitary facilities
- 16. Religious buildings incl. cemetery
- 17. Cultural/entertainment venue
- 18. Private club
- 19. Urban facilities, incl. market place, waterworks, bridge, transportation
- 20. Private properties, incl. commercial bldg.
- 21. Industrial facilities
- 22. Streetscape
- 23. Commemorative images, incl. stone, plaque, inscription etc.
- 24. Other image or place of special significance