

Internship report

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I have been interned in archaeology unit of Antiquities and Monuments Office from 1/8/2018 to 31/8/2018. Because of the regulation of the office, no pictures are taken during internship.

In the first day, I take some photos for the small finds from Lo So Shing, Lamma Island. Kiln structure are found there. In the Second day, I have been to Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre to check if any exhibits misplace. In the afternoon, I visited their storage room in Jordan which store artifacts from sites all over Hong Kong. Also, I cleaned the kiln structures, ceramics and pottery found in Sha Po, Lamma Island. Some of them are brushed underwater, some are brushed with brushes only, depending on material of the artifacts. Other than that, I prepared dabber for rubbing workshop held in Saturday, cotton is wrapped by clingwrap, then wrapped by silk. Rubbing is a common method to show the pattern of artifacts. Place paper with water over the artifact, hammering it to emphasis the pattern on the paper. Then, use dabber which made of cotton wrapped by clingwrap and tough silk, soaked with ink, dabbing at the paper. I spent my last day on learning how to use total station for leveling.

I spend most of my internship on recording artifacts of Sha Po and Town Island. A formal record of artifacts includes measurement of the artifacts in height, width and length, photos in both front and back side. The artifact is packed with marked plastic bag and label filled with information, such as object number, accession number and recording date. Sha Po is a site found with kiln structure, fragments of pottery and porcelain. It is believed that Sha Po was a pottery production area. Town Island, Sai Kung, is an underwater archaeological site which has lots of Sung to Modern 20th century pottery and porcelain found. Most of them are blue and white porcelain. Measurement and pictures are uploaded to database of AMO.

In conclusion, it is an interesting internship which gives another aspect of archaeology or museology in Hong Kong.