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~~AAD call for help from private sector~~

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THE Antiquities Advisory Board (AAD) has called for greater co-operation of the private sector to protect historical buildings from the bulldozers in light of the recent declaration of four Government buildings as monuments.

The chairman of the board, Mr Edward Ho Sing-tin, said there were still a large number of private buildings which had the potential to be on the list.

"The high redevelopment value of properties usually discourages private owners from contributing in this aspect," said Mr Ho.

The Executive Council recently moved to preserve permanently four of Hongkong's well-known landmarks by declaring them historical monuments.

They are: the Kowloon-Canton Railway clock tower in Tsim Sha Tsui, the Wan Chai Post Office, Western Market, and the old Pathological Institute, which is the oldest, constructed in 1905.