<u>Light Public Housing to open for Phase</u> <u>2 application from February 24 (with photos)</u>

The Housing Bureau (HB) today (February 17) announced that the Light Public Housing (LPH) will be open for the Phase 2 application from February 24. The Phase 2 application will cover four projects, including Olympic Avenue, Kai Tak (Phase 1); Tsing Fuk Lane, Tuen Mun (i.e. Tuen Mun Area 3A); Shun On Road, Kwun Tong (renovated from school premises), and Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui (renovated from school premises), which will provide a total of about 5 060 units for gradual intake anticipated from the fourth quarter of this year onwards.

ã€Eligible applicants will receive the application forms by post on or before February 24 sent by the HB in batches. Application forms submitted between February 24 and March 17 will be handled with priority. Those who have submitted an application form during the Phase 1 application do not need to submit another application.

A spokesman for the HB said, "The LPH Phase 1 application has received an overwhelming response, with about 14 200 applications received as of mid-February. Under the leadership of the HB, the operating organisations responsible for the operation and management of the LPH projects at Yau Pok Road, Yuen Long and Choi Hing Road, Ngau Tau Kok have been taking forward the pre-management works, including publicity, conducting eligibility verification and preparing intake arrangements. We anticipate that the LPH project at Yau Pok Road will be the first to start intake by batches within March, and applicants who successfully pass the eligibility verification will gradually receive their offer letters." $\tilde{a} \in \in \tilde{a} \in E$

The spokesman added, "The Phase 2 LPH projects are located in various districts with different scales and merits. We believe that they can cater for the needs of different applicants. More importantly, the living environment, ancillary facilities and services of all LPH projects are far better than any inadequate housing, such as substandard sub-divided units. Additionally, the LPH projects offer a highly affordable rent, which is only about 90 per cent of that of traditional public rental housing (PRH) in the same district. There will also be a removal allowance on top of various services and supports offered to residents by the operating organisations."

Details of the LPH Phase 2 application are as follows:

(1) Eligibility for priority application: General applicants who have been on the waiting list for traditional PRH for three years or more are eligible, with priority given to family applicants. Those meeting the eligibility criteria will receive by post the application forms sent by the HB in batches.

- (2) Application period: Applicants who submit duly completed application forms between February 24 and March 17 will be handled with priority. From March 18 onwards, the HB will continue to accept applications.
- (3) Submission methods: Interested applicants may submit their duly completed application forms by post to P.O. Box of the Dedicated Team on Light Public Housing of the Housing Bureau (P.O. Box 28222, Gloucester Road Post Office, Wan Chai, Hong Kong); or by depositing them into drop-in boxes during office hours (from 9am to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays, except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the following locations:
 - Light Public Housing Information Counter at Podium Level 2, Hong Kong Housing Authority Customer Service Centre, 3 Wang Tau Hom South Road, Kowloon
 - Office of the Dedicated Team on Light Public Housing at Room 801, 8/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

In addition, if the applicant and all family members have registered for "iAM Smart+", they may opt to complete, sign and submit the e-Form by scanning the exclusive QR code pre-printed on the application form.

The HB will process the application forms received as soon as possible and make arrangements for the allocation. To give priority to those families in need to move into LPH, if the applicants are currently living in inadequate housing; having special medical conditions; or having minor children, newborn babies, elderly persons, etc, in the family, they will be given a higher priority for LPH allocation.

Information of the projects in the Phase 2 application is as follows:

- (1) Olympic Avenue, Kai Tak (Phase 1): Providing about 2 970 units (including units for one to two persons, three to four persons and four to five persons), adjacent to Kai Tak MTR Station, and with a number of franchised bus and minibus routes in the vicinity travelling to/from various places in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. The estimated monthly rent ranges from about \$1,310 to \$2,990 (Note 1).
- (2) Tsing Fuk Lane, Tuen Mun (i.e. Tuen Mun Area 3A): Providing about 1 850 units (including units for one to two persons, three to four persons and four to five persons), adjacent to the Light Rail Ching Chung Stop, with a number of franchised bus, MTR bus and minibus routes in the vicinity to/from various places in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. The estimated monthly rent ranges from about \$860 to \$1,990 (Note 1).
- (3) Shun On Road, Kwun Tong (renovated from school premises) (Note 2): Providing about 130 units (including units for one to two persons, three to four persons and four to five persons), about a five-minute walk to the Shun Tin Bus Terminus, which provides a number of franchised bus and minibus routes to/from Choi Hung MTR Station and various places in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The estimated monthly rent ranges from about \$1,360 to \$3,270 (Note 1).

(4) Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui (renovated from school premises) (Note 2): Providing about 110 units (including units for one to two persons, three to four persons and four to five persons), adjacent to Sheung Shui MTR Station, about a 10 to 12-minute walk to different bus/minibus terminuses and San Wan Road Sheung Shui Bus-Bus Interchange, which provide a number of franchised bus and minibus routes to/from Fanling and various places in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The estimated monthly rent ranges from about \$1,020 to \$2,320 (Note 1).

For more information about the LPH Phase 2 application, please refer to the enclosed LPH Promotional Pamphlet, or browse the LPH website of the HB (www.hb.gov.hk/eng/lph). For enquiries, please call 3464 0700, or send email to lphapp@hb.gov.hk.

Note 1: Rents vary depending on the unit size and the district. The rental level is set at around 90 per cent of the rent of newly completed traditional PRH in the same district. Having regard to the biennial rent review of the traditional PRH, the rent of LPH will be adjusted accordingly.

Note 2: For the LPH converted from school premises, the internal floor area of some of the units may vary due to limitations posed by the existing structural partitioning.







