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### Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: Where are we?



#### Let's Build a Collaborative Future for Sustainability.

World Trend for Green Buildings in 2018:

- Affordable housing as an opportunity for sustainability
- Incorporation of green building practices into social housing

(Source : World Green Building Council Member survey 2018. Findings based on Green Building Council data from Sept 2017 to Sept 2018.)



In making cities safe, sustainable and resilient, citizens need to gain access to sustainable and affordable quality housing. Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) has been creating resilient communities in a high rise, high density compact city in sub-tropical climate.

HKHA has always been striving to make rational use of resources, overcoming challenges, bringing **passive and low carbon design, total quality, safety & health, sustainability** from dreams to fruition. These cover process, products and people aspects.

#### Public Rental Housing in Hong Kong

With a population of around 7.4 million in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) as a public sector client / developer has been providing affordable public rental housing to around 30% of the population, and subsidised sale flats to around 16% of the population.

- HKHA has an existing stock of about 804,878 public rental flats in 1,309 PRH blocks.
- HKHA has to build about 100,000 units in the first 5-year period according to Long Term Housing Strategy.

(Source: HKHA, Annual Report 2020/21 & HA Housing Stock Statistics)

Note: According to Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department in 2021, the total number of permanent living quarters is 2,960,000, comprising 842,000 public rental housing units, 435,000 subsidized sale flats, and 1,682,000 private permanent quarters. Total number of domestic households is 2,670,000.



## 香港房屋委員會 Hong Kong Housing Authority

#### **Our Vision**

To help low-income families with housing need gain access to affordable housing.

#### **Our Mission**

- To provide affordable quality housing, management, maintenance and other housing related services to meet the needs of our customers in a proactive and caring manner;
- To ensure cost-effective and rational use of public resources in service delivery and allocation of housing assistance in an open and equitable manner; and
- To maintain a competent, dedicated and performance-oriented **TEAM**.

Customer

focused

Caring

Creative

Committed

HA's Core

### History of Public Housing in Hong Kong



#### The early 50s

Masses of people surged into Hong Kong due to political turmoil on the mainland. This led to a drastic increase in the number of squatters. Fires were common in these unhygienic and cramped make-shift homes.



#### 1953

A tragic fire that broke out on Christmas night devastated the squatter area in Shek Kip Mei, making more than 50 000 people homeless overnight.

#### 1954



The government immediately built two-storey bungalows on the site to provide temporary shelter to the victims.

The government set up a fund for constructing multi-storey resettlement buildings and appointed a Commissioner for Resettlement to coordinate the task.

A semi-independent organisation, the former Housing Authority was also set up to provide lower middle income families low-cost housing with self-contained flats.

#### **Eight six-storey Mark I resettlement blocks were completed in Shek Kip Mei to rehouse the fire victims.**

The government decided to implement a systematic resettlement programme.

### 1991



**Redevelopment of the Mark I and Mark II buildings** and the related rehousing programme were completed.

### 1992

The first series of **Harmony blocks**, which marked a new generation of public housing, were completed.

## Twice in a Lifetime The story of Hong Kong's achievements in improving the

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quality of life for its people spans less than 40 years. Yet during this time the quality of settlement for a vast number of people has been significantly improved not once but twice. Now some 3 million people, equal to half the population of this vibrant, energetic Territory benefit from a social housing programme which is the envy of the international community.

This achievement started as a response to the population explosion which occurred in Hong Kong following its liberation from Japanese occupation at the end of the Second World War. From a low of 600,000, the population dramatically grew to over three million by the 1950's, a large number of them accommodated in self-built shanty structures on the hill-sides surrounding the urban area. By the mid-1960's, over 1 million people had been provided with permanent but basic accommodation in some 300 resettlement blocks. Not luxurious by today's standards but a far cry from the squatter settlements constantly at risk from fire and flood.

As successful as this response was in bringing social and economic stability to

the community, it was recognised that higher quality longer term solutions would need to be found and translated into reality. The Hong Kong Housing Authority was charged with this responsibility, and its Construction Branch would be the implementation agency.



### **Redevelopment of the Mark I and** Mark II buildings and the related rehousing programme were completed.



## Renewing Central Kowloon

Kowloon Walled City to the south, and the mountains to the north. Completed in 1965 the four estates were home to 260,000 people accommodated in 102 blocks. Life at a an ambitious redevelopment programme under which a new environment would be created for a much reduced population. Work started in earnest in 1984 and will be completed by 1994 Following a carefully researched and prepared master plan which

embodied sensitive local rehousing programmes for th existing inhabitants, a new city form has emerged from the drab serried ranks of the former resettlement block The opportunity has been taken to improve all aspects of life from improved traffic management schemes to much enhanced local facilities, as well as providing modern self-contained living accommodation.







## *Major Achievements*

Permanent housing at a low rent, with secure tenure for half the population of Hong Kong,

has provided the spring board for the Territory's dramatic economic growth and its pivotal position as a key financial centre within the international market place.

Modern housing estates with educational, recreational, social, and welfare facilities immediately to hand have raised the quality and development of family life to the benefit of the community at large.

Rent arrears in public housing are less than 1% and vandalism and other measures of anti-social behaviour are almost totally absent compared with world standards.

As a result of its integrated developments incorporating commercial facilities such as shops, markets and restaurants, and the selling of flats to qualified applicants, the Housing Authority is able to fund its US\$1,000 million a year capital works programme from its own income. This affords protection from Government budgetary fluctuations.

#### IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Upon successful completion of Hong Kong's Long Term Housing Strategy, including the comprehensive redevelopment of older obsolescent dwellings, the Territory will have a modern public housing stock of some 900,000 units, three quarters of which will be 15 or less years old. A remarkable step towards improving the quality of life for the people of Hong Kong.

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### **UIA** Merit Award for Improvement of the Quality of Human Settlements 1993



Twice in a Lifetime



#### 2000



The HA undertook a series of reforms on public housing quality to restore public confidence after the sub-standard piling incidents in 1999/2000.

### "Quality Housing : Partnering For Change"

After extensive consultation, HKHA launched a Quality Reform in 2000 with 50 Quality Housing Initiatives.



## **Planning & Design**

Since 2000, we adopt "People-centric approach".

#### Site Specific Design

- Land supply and site constraints
- Optimization of development potentials
- Planning for people; enhancing social cohesion
- Adaptive to community needs and flexibility
- Enhancing quality
- Adopting mechanized construction







#### Sustainable Development in Public Housing

- Since 2000, we adopt People-centric Approach
- We deliver the public housing -

from *Macro* level : City planning and Urban design to *maximize site potential* while *designing for people with nature in mind* 

to *Micro* level : Interior space and furniture layout of the domestic flats bringing care and attention to details for *quality living space and services*; and applying *lean design and sustainable construction* 











## Human x Nature

Caring for People Caring for Environment



### Planning & Design for Sustainability and **Healthy Living in Public Housing in Hong Kong** with a Caring Culture

Green Buildings for Everyone, Everywhere: Smart and Healthy within the 1.5 Degrees

(1) Bringing Breeze and Daylight : Passive Design & Micro-climate Studies

- (2) Noise Mitigation to Create Quiet Living Environment
- (3) Universal Design for People of All Ages and Abilities
- (4) Improving Habitable Space; Enhancing Usability & Buildability
- (5) Enhancing Healthy Living, Saving Water & Improving Energy Efficiency
- (6) Greening for Healthy Living and Avoiding Urban Heat Island Effect

## (a) Planning for People

- Baseline performance Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines & Statutory
- Consult Stakeholders other Government
   Departments, District Councils and Local community
- **Comprehensive approach** transport, car parking,

community centre, social welfare, educational and retail facilities, pedestrian circulation, local open spaces and landscaping etc.



Public transport terminus and pick-up areas linked up with covered walkways and lift towers ....

Tactile Guide Path System at strategic locations of housing estates to lead people to domestic blocks



## (b) Designing for People with Nature in Mind

- 1. Ensure public health and safety, living in comfort and convenience
- 2. Host of Technical studies helping designers to integrate passive design elements holistically and refine the estate layout and building disposition
- 3. A balanced design **assuring social, economic and environmental sustainability**, maximizing development potential, fast tracking the delivery of public housing





### • Technical Studies for Potential/New Housing Sites

- 1. Air Ventilation Assessment
- 2. Microclimate Studies
- 3. Retail Viability Study
- 4. Project Feasibility Studies
- 5. Architectural Feasibility Studies
- 6. Site Potential Studies
- 7. Visual Impact Assessment
- 8. Heritage Impact Assessment
- 9. Ecological Assessment
- 10. Land Use Studies
- 11. Planning and Engineering Study
- 12. Environmental Assessment Study
- 13. Air Quality Objectives Assessment <sup>25</sup>

- 14. Odour Assessment
- 15. Chimney Emission Impact Assessment
- 16. Traffic Impact Assessment
- 17. Drainage Impact Assessment
- 18. Sewerage Impact Assessment
- 19. Land Decontamination Study
- 20. Ground Assessment
- 21. Natural Terrain Hazardous Study
- 22. Potentially Hazardous Installations Assessment
- 23. Tree Survey
- 24. Condition Survey for Existing Building
- 25. Land Surveying
- 26. Archeological Study

## Noise Mitigation to Create Quiet Living Environment



Urban Design Aspect

### (c) Universal Design for People of All Ages and Abilities

**Barrier Free Access** (Inside Flat)



Widen door width – 800mm (flat entrance) 750mm (kitchen and bathroom)



Power socket at **1m** from ground Lever or D-type door handle Large lighting switch and door bell



- Appropriate height for lighting switch, door bell and power socket
- Lever type sink mixer
- Leveled entrance

### (d) Improving Habitable Space & Enhancing Buildability

Since 2000, due to limited availability of land resources, the topography, size and configuration of housing sites, we **change from Standard Block Design to Site Specific Design with Modular Flat Design.** 



1-Person / 2-Person Flat 一/二人單元



2-Person / 3-Person Flat 二/三人單元





3-Person / 4-Person Flat 三/四人單元

4-Person / 5-Person Flat 四/五人單元

#### 4 Types of Modular Flat Design

developed in 2008 with reference to the allocation standard

#### **Functional & Cost Effective Design** (Quality Housing Initiatives)

- 1 Enhanced Buildability, Consistency and Economy of Scale
- 2 Better Healthy Living, Safety and Easy Maintenance
- 3 Focus on Customer Needs & continuous enhancement
- 4 Reinforcing Universal Design



### (e) Improving Energy Efficiency, Saving Water & Enhancing Healthy Living

#### □ Renewable Energy Installation –

#### Grid Connected Photovoltaic System

• Where feasible, we Install at the upper roof and roof on lift machine room floor, generating about 2.5% energy for the communal areas.

#### □ Energy Saving Initiative –

#### Two level lighting design in Common Area

- Enable high efficiency lighting and saving in electricity
- Implemented since 2008, we maintain a minimum lighting level for safety and security; while the manual switch integrated with the door phone handset in each domestic flat and the provision at strategic positions at the lift lobby and corridors enable the required illumination level up to 85 lux





## (f) Greening for Healthy Living and Avoid Urban Heat Island Effect

Greening offers **better air quality** and avoids **urban heat island effect**, aside from ecological and amenity value. We -

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車站廣場

- **maximize** greening in new estates
- planting at least one tree for every 15 flats
- greening ratio: at least **20%** (up to 30% for larger sites)
- providing "Community Farm" in every new estate

CHOLHUNG ESTATE







The Kai Tak Development in Kowloon City has adopted the green and healthy environment as one of the key features in the design theme of "Homes in the Park" with an overall greening ratio over 30%.

## ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY ... THINK LONG-TERM!

### A Sustainable Community & Management Systems

To meet present social, economical and environmental needs but **NOT** at the expense of future generations.

Through the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Model, we seamlessly integrate various management principles and practices into our daily operations (deployed since 2008).





## REDUCE CO<sub>2</sub> AND INCREASE O<sub>2</sub> Carbon Emission

HKHA has developed Carbon Emission Estimation tool. In estimating  $CO_2$  emission of buildings, we focus on the  $CO_2$  emission associated with major construction materials and building operations for a **building life of 100 years.** 



CO<sub>2</sub> emission of Hung Fuk Estate is compared against a BEAM Platinum Benchmark Estate (Kai Tak Site 1A), none of the aspects are exceeded.

Aspect	Embracing
I : Materials Consumed During Construction	<ul> <li>Timber formwork for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> <li>Steel formwork for superstructure</li> </ul>
II : Materials for Building Structure	<ul> <li>Concrete for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> <li>Steel for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> </ul>
III : Communal Building Services Installations	<ul> <li>Lighting, Lift, Water Supply, Security, CABD, A/C &amp; Ventilation, Fire Services, Electrical Distribution System</li> </ul>
IV : Renewable Energy	✓ Solar and/or wind powered system
V : Trees Planting	<ul> <li>✓ Trees taller than 5m</li> </ul>
VI : Demolition	<ul> <li>Dismantling of building</li> <li>Transportation of building debris from site to landfill</li> </ul>

## SUSTAINABLE USE & MAINTENANCE

#### **Design for Safety : Caring for Workers & End Users**





Permanent anchorage to access lift pit



Strengthened Parapets to fix gondola



Easy maintenance for A/C



Provide railing to all roof



Space for BS maintenance

### ASSURE HEALTHY LIVING, EASY TO BUILD & MAINTAIN Healthy Living for People, Easy to Build & Easy to Maintain

#### **Precast Fabrication**

• **30% by volume of concrete is precast components** including volumetric bathroom, façade, staircase, semi-precast slab and additional precast elements proposed by Contractor

#### Standard Fittings and Design for Easy Maintenance

- Concrete Staircase to provide safe access to upper roof
- **Twin Water Tank System** to provide **uninterrupted** water supply to tenants when one of the compartments is being cleaned
- W-Trap System to avoid drying up water seal to prevent the spread of disease, waste water from wash basin/ shower is directed to replenish the common W-trap connected to the floor drain
- Stainless Steel Water Pipes are used in common areas







### SAVING RESOURCES **Smart Use of Materials**



#### **Transfer of C&D Waste Materials**

- Established an inventory on quantities of C&D materials available from each site.
- Facilitate bulk transfer between HA's contracts.
- Over 80,000 tonnes of C&D waste have since been reduced.

#### **Use of Recycle Materials**





## ENGAGE PEOPLE FOR RESULTS

## Sharing Knowledge in Community

#### Community Engagement

• HA Exhibition Centre



Eco-Expo





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Website & publications





- Community educational activities
- Community engagemen t

workshops

## Sharing Knowledge with **Residents**

## **Green Delight** in Estates community educational programme

- "All About Waste" Campaign
- Waste Reduction in Estates Photo Competition
- Green Living Carnivals
- Eco-workshops, Green Days, Organic Farming Days



We initiate Green Groups to
 educate our residents





- Housing Channel for publicity of environmental issues
- Smart Meter Display of communal gas, water and electricity consumption data



 Action Seedling to engage contractors and estate tenants

# Sharing Knowledge in Office : Corporate Achievement

#### **Staff Training**

• We have >200 BEAM practitioners









- Direct involvement in community environmental projects
- Environmental activities organic farming, donate used goods; reduce energy, water, paper consumption, green corner display;
  - Environmental training DCD Academy 發展 建築





## Green Building Leadership



Energy and Carbon Emissions

Biodiversity

Air Quality

Materials

Landscaping

**Green Activities** 

Noise Control

Green Materials Control of Hazardous

Estate Greening and

Safety Performance

Public Health & Hygiene

Our Core Values: Caring, Customer-focused, Creative, Committed

#### We Care

Safety

Well-being

- We care for the environment
- We care for the people:



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Nater Conservation Waste Management Micro-climate Studies Staff Development and Health Security Economic Environmental Participation Operation with Comfort **Cost-Effectiveness** Convenience **Engaging Various Parties** Social Together we build a sustainable and **Enhancing Estate** Management & Services harmonious community Sustainable Living Environment

**Financial Performance** 

Housing Rent Policy **Resource Optimization** 

#### **Key Performance Indices**

- 34% less costly than private sector ٠
- **30%** less construction waste ٠
- **75%** lower accident rates



http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/mini-site/hasr1415/common/index.html



Please take a look at our sustainability video

http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/hdw/video/videoshell Environmen tal corporate Cant.html

Customer satisfaction index rises, with max. of 98.1% .

Exemplary Project Hong Kong Housing Authority's Hung Fuk Estate (Quality Building Award 2018; Green Building Award 2016)











#### HUNG FUK ESTATE is located in a low density rural area of Yuen Long district. It is about 327m from Hung Shui Kiu Light Rail Station.



The Site and the Neighbourhood Restaurants, banks, clinic, pharmacy, supermarket, convenience stores, schools, laundry, retail shops, post box, temporary wet market are within 500m walking distance (shown yellow on the location map).



## SRUNNER OF A **Smart Site Planning**



An Identity for a New Vibrant Community



With Considerations on

- Complicated Geotechnical Ground Profiles
- Visual Impacts to the surrounding
- Wind Direction and Sun Path
- Noise Mitigation Measures
- Pedestrian Circulation and Traffic Connection



### **RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENT** All Round Noise Mitigation - 99% Noise Compliance







## BRING BREEZE & LIGHT Corridors for the WIND





To Enhance Wind :

- Two wind corridors
- Large building separation
- Orientation of blocks in parallel with prevailing wind direction
- Ground floor empty bays

Average wind speed at pedestrian level

- ranges from 1.2 to 3.1 m/s under summer South-west wind.
- around 2.5 m/s under annual East wind.

Comparing with a baseline scheme, the design results **37.8% improvement** in wind velocity ratio within the development.

#### **Computer Simulation on Wind Performance**





Annual East wind

SW Summer wind



## **RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENT** Let's play with the Sun





Analysis on Sun Path and Shadowing Pattern



Planning of Activity Space

- One basketball court is on the East and the other one on the West, both are orientated along North-south axis to minimize glare effect.
- Children Play Areas are planned on the East, as most kids play in the afternoon.
- Community Lawn Area are Community Farm planned on the West, as plants enjoy strong sunshine.
- Entrance Plaza and Courtyard are planned in the middle where community activities are always under shade most of the day.

Photo taken at 3:30pm in Summer

## RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENT

Comfortable Shopping under Verandah with Natural Light and Breeze





Gap between buildings and street helps to make the leeward side of the area **adequately ventilated** at ground level.

Shadowing Pattern of Shopping Centre at 3:00pm in summer



Large canopy along the street

- No air-conditioning required for public area
- No direct sunlight exposure to the shop fronts
- Comfortable shopping experience along the STREET

## **BRING BREEZE AND AIR** Interactive Plaza Connects People with Comfort and Convenience



Passing the street shops and the Public Transport Interchange, arriving at the entrance courtyard, here is the doorway to Hung Fuk Estate.

- The courtyard & plaza are cleverly created by linking up the covered walkway and the shopping verandah.
- It brings breeze (wind speed of 3.8m/s)
- It brings a sense of arrival
- It brings an identity to the estate







## PASSIVE DESIGN : BRING BREEZE & LIGHT

### A Weather-proof Open Air Public Transport Interchange

Courtyard design not only brings breeze effectively, it also enhances air movement downstream helping the dispersal of pollutant from buses by natural means. Roof cover design allows natural ventilation, penetration of natural lighting and provides shelter in wet weather Kalay

## A TO KICK NOISE INNOVATION Pilot Public Transport Interchange Cover Design

Design of the PTI cover effectively kicks off noise impact to sensitive receivers. The solid and transparent roof pieces are **cleverly** tilted at an angle, and each them is not more than 230m<sup>2,</sup> such that

- No installation of mechanical ventilation system is required.
- No installation of sprinkler system or any other fire services system is required.
- No artificial lighting is required in the day time.
- No energy is required for the operation of the PTI (except for lighting at night).



The cover also kick noise for future development .



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## PASSIVE DESIGN : BRING BREEZE & LIGHT ...AND ASSURING SAFE ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE!



## BRING BREEZE AND SUNLIGHT

#### A Breathing Carpark with Green Initiatives







**Electric Charger** 





**30%** of the parking spaces are equipped with elec. charging facilities , conduit is allowed for **100% elec.** charging parking space in the future 10



- 80% of the carpark perimeter wall is open parapet, allows for natural cross ventilation which is sufficient to remove pollutant, without any mechanical means.
- **8 Nos. of Solar tubes** are installed at soffit of carpark to bring in natural sunlight. Photo sensors to control operation of artificial lightings are provided.

## **A NEW COMMUNITY** Comprehensive Social Welfare and Recreational Facilities

- Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre
- Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
- Hostel for the Moderate Mentally Handicapped
- Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre
- Kindergarten.

#### Active Recreation Facilities

- Basketball Courts
- Badminton Courts
- Table Tennis
- Community Play Areas

#### Passive Recreation Facilities

- Community Farm & Lawn
- Mini-woodland
- Recycle garden
- Leisure & Cultural Activity Areas

#### **Transport Facilities**

- Public Transport Interchange
- Carpark
- Taxi & bus Lay-bys
- Signalized junction for pedestrian crossing



## BRING BREEZE AND LIGHT Passive Design Performance



#### Typical Lift Lobbies & Common Corridors

- Minimum air change rate at typical lift lobby under annual wind is 44.6 ACH
- Minimum air change rate at G/F entrance lobby under annual wind is 22ACH

#### **Domestic Flats**

- Ventilation performance of every domestic flat and all common areas are carefully analyzed by computational fluid dynamic simulations
- The ventilation rates of habitable rooms and kitchens, range from 10 to 150 ACH which is well above the min. statutory requirement of 1.5 ACH



 Vertical Daylight Factor of each habitable room and kitchen for each domestic flat are in average ~50% & ~40% respectively which are well beyond requirements in APP-130 (i.e. 8% for habitable room and 4% for kitchen) 13

## ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE

#### Enhanced Ecological Value

Number and varieties of wildlife species..... butterflies, birds and insects are attracted by fruits and nectars of the native trees and shrubs in the area











#### Total Green Coverage Area 31%



#### Constraints

- Low diversity of wildlife
- Limited suitable habitats around to support diverse wildlife
- High disturbance by traffic

#### **Opportunities**

- Planting of native trees and vegetation to enhance ecological value
- 675 Nos. trees, 54% natives
- 182,708 Nos. shrubs, 34% natives
- Green roof to provide habitats for wildlife.
- Landscape design to incorporate conservation and education elements.
- Provision of Mini-Woodland, Nature Walk & Butterfly Garden

## LIVING IN THE GREEN

Greening Opportunities & Low Maintenance





- Total Green Roof areas
   ~5,000m<sup>2</sup>, with native
   species of ground cover
- Total Vertical Greening ~400m<sup>2</sup> provided at trellis over sitting areas and basketball fencing.
- Automated dripline irrigation system is provided for green roofs, planters along building perimeter



# "All-sand" Rootzone Profile Design for Lawn

#### **Advanced Method**

#### 全沙根質種植方法設計



- The sand layer provides **excellent drainage** and is resistant to compaction.
- The perched water table created at the interface of the sand/aggregate layers can **retain water** in the rootzone.
- This design facilitates the establishment of grass
- It improves the durability of lawn and reduce the need for frequent maintenance.



Grave

## TREASURE OUR RESOURCES

#### **Reuse Demolished Materials**



[1] All of the granites (1565 nos.) from demolished street planters were reused as finishes material for planter wall, fence wall and landscape paving, reducing landfill burden



[2] Building materials such as concrete tiles, steel frames, precast volumetric bathroom & precast façade mock-up were reused as educational displays in Recycle Garden

# TREASURE OUR RESOURCES Save Every Drop of Water.....

• Study on Irrigation Systems :



Green Roofs

- Rain Water Harvesting System is adopted at roofs of domestic blocks 5 to 7.
- AC Condensation Water recycling for irrigation for green roof.
- Automatic irrigation with timer for plants at height.

- ① Zero Irrigation System (ZIS),
- ② Modular ZIS,
- ③ Rootzone Irrigation System,
- ④ Dripline Irrigation System were carried out









Warm reminder in every flat.



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## GREEN AND LEAN CONSTRUCTION Reduce Construction Waster

#### **Reduce Construction Wastes**

- 1. Pay for environmental and site hygiene scheme was allowed in the Main Contract encouraging the implementation of environmental protection measures.
- 2. Use of precast concrete components, mechanized construction, steel hoarding to reduce construction waste.
- 3. Site offices were built by reusable components.
- 4. 5,365m<sup>2</sup> precast concrete slab was reused as haul road hard paving in construction sites.
- 5. Concrete batching plant was installed on site for supplying concrete
- 6. The use of metal formworks was maximized and timber formworks were reused as far as possible.
- 7. Existing plants from demolished street planters were transplanted to site office and hoarding for greening purpose.



Reduction of 37,376 kg CO<sub>2</sub> emission by site batching plant







## TREE RECYCLE INNOVATION

Pilot Program to Recycle Felled Tree at Construction Stage

Reduction of 157.5 kg CO<sub>2</sub> emission by Tree Recycle



1. 200 no. existing trees were felled



2. Felled trees were cut and shredded into wood chips



5. 2,623 kg of compost was produced for community farming and soil conditioner



4. Wood chips were used as bulking agent to mix with food/garden waste and decomposed into soil conditioner







3. Building contractor worked in collaboration with neighboring school, to promote environmental awareness on recycling food waste and garden waste.

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於種植比集中表現像



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## TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY

#### Flexible Domestic Flat Layout

#### Flexible Market Stall



**Open Plan Design in domestic unit** allowing flexibility to suit tenant's

need



Adjustable cooking bench with 3 different height to suit tenants' need and to reduce wastage for demolishment







Open & Semi-Open Types Stall Design in wet market equipped with storage racks, hangers, light trough and signage plates creating unified impression and allowing flexibility use of space for tenants of different trades

## LIVABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY

#### Green Facilities for Green Living



Our Environmental Policy is to promote healthy living in a green environment







Educational and publicity programmes to raise PRH tenants' and estate management staff's environmental awareness and encourage them to join hands in building a green community are to be organized.

Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) will be conducted to gauge the users' satisfaction level and enhance the design of future estates.



#### 洪福邨 Hung Fuk Estate



4.3 ★★★★★ 24 小時營業 房地産・Hung Shui, Hong Kong







Positive comments are received and reflected in Facebook page which is established by local residents

## WE ARE CARING, COMMITTED, CREATIVE, CUSTOMER-FOCUSED



#### Forerunner of the future Hung Shui Kiu new town



#### Provide all the convenience of modern community living





**Building green for healthy community** 



Environmental advances and sustainable initiatives for lively estate

## Wah Ha Estate







Enhanced social value from revitalising the last H-shape factory into a residential development

**Eco-wells:** to enhance natural ventilation and introduce daylight into residential units **Greenery:** Over **40%** soft landscaping coverage

> Two-level lighting control in common corridors and lift lobbies – reduce energy consumption







Fire resistance test for existing concrete slabs – to retain the original H-shape appearance, and reduce the demolition and re-construction of floor slabs



## **Outcome : Happy, Healthy, Satisfied Residents**

A balanced design **assuring social, economic and environmental sustainability** of public housing



CARING CULTURE

## Human x Nature x Technology

Caring for People Caring for Environment Building a **Collaborative Future** Sustainable, Affordable, Quality Housing for Resilient Communities



# THANK YOU!

#### Webinar Description

Sustainable Housing for Resilient Communities: The Challenges of Affordability

UIA's Working Programme on Community Architecture and Human Rights (CA + HR) focuses on the 11th UN SDG, namely the one aiming at "Sustainable Cities". CA + HR, more specifically targets the objectives of providing safe and affordable housing, caring for an inclusive and sustainable urbanization, protecting the world's cultural and natural heritage and ensuring access to safe and inclusive green and public spaces. At the same time, the issue of resilience has been, somehow operating as a great contemporary global concern, when faced with the great challenges presented by a period of continuous crises, such as the fiscal, the environmental (climate change), COVID-19 pandemic and, energy, migration et.al. It seems that the overall positive agenda of sustainability may even be compromised by the sense of urgency presented by our communities' struggle for survival. This condition may not necessarily ameliorate without collective work on a new set of principles, methods and tools.

Considering the above, CA + HR, focuses on the issue of affordable housing, as a key to addressing this holistic agenda, and invites a set of 9 prominent speakers to share their regional and local experience in defining the current challenges and sharing innovative out-of -the -box ideas and projects.

A series of three webinars will host a lively, and much needed, dialogue mapping the field and balancing the need for tactical immediate action with the planning of future strategies. This forum is designed in order to channel proved professional knowledge to young architects and students of architecture. Beyond presenting an array of successful case studies, the intention is to stimulate an inclusive and future-proof channel of communication on local action on global priorities and risks.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Average energy consumption of building services installations in communal areas <u>designed within the year</u> (i.e. energy estimation). These figures are:

2013/14 25.1 kWh/m²/Annum (target: 30)
2014/15 24.3 kWh/m²/Annum (target: 27)
2015/16 24.1 kWh/m²/Annum (target: 27)
2016/17 22.8 kWh/m²/Annum (target: 24)
2017/18 22.04 kWh/m²/Annum (target: 24)

**Electricity Consumption in the Public Areas of Estates** 



### Sustainable Development in Public Housing

- HKHA has introduced a series of initiatives to achieve sustainability in terms of environmental, social and economic aspects
- We have been taking an active role in improving our environmental performance with regards to energy conservation, resource conversation, air quality, and green estate and office operations



(Source: HKHA, Sustainability Report 2019/20)

## REDUCE CO<sub>2</sub> AND INCREASE O<sub>2</sub> Aspect Embracing

#### **Carbon Emission**

HKHA has developed Carbon Emission Estimation tool. In estimating  $CO_2$  emission of buildings, we focus on the  $CO_2$  emission associated with major construction materials and building operations for a **building life of 100 years.** 



CO<sub>2</sub> emission of Hung Fuk Estate is compared against a BEAM Platinum Benchmark Estate (Kai Tak Site 1A), none of the aspects are exceeded.

Aspect	Embracing
I : Materials Consumed During Construction	<ul> <li>Timber formwork for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> <li>Steel formwork for superstructure</li> </ul>
II : Materials for Building Structure	<ul> <li>Concrete for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> <li>Steel for substructure &amp; superstructure</li> </ul>
III : Communal Building Services Installations	✓ Lighting, Lift, Water Supply, Security, CABD, A/C & Ventilation, Fire Services, Electrical Distribution System
IV : Renewable Energy	✓ Solar and/or wind powered system
V : Trees Planting	✓ Trees taller than 5m
VI : Demolition	<ul> <li>✓ Dismantling of building</li> <li>✓ Transportation of building debris from site to landfill</li> </ul>





- Total green planting area over 14,000 m<sup>2</sup> to reduce heat island effect.
- **327 bicycle parking** spaces are provided in the estate to encourage green living.
- Green Corners are provided at G/F Entrance Lobby of every domestic block and Estate Management Office.

