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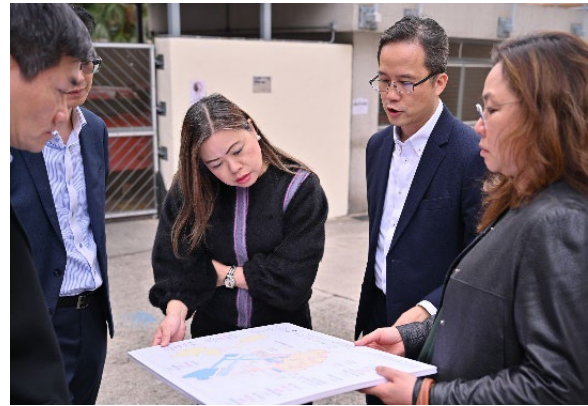


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I visited Wah Fu Estate, Queens Hill Estate and Shan Lai Court in February and March.

Wah Fu (I) Estate and Wah Fu (II) Estate, built in 1967-1968 and 1971-1978 respectively, are familiar to us all. I was fascinated by the unique natural landscape and friendly neighbourhood there every time I stepped into that estate. Dr Donald Liao was the mastermind behind the estate's planning and design. With his forward-looking "township" concept, he introduced convenient public facilities and communal spaces to the design and transformed a once-desolate place into a community of liveable homes for many. The estate though over 50 years old now, still looks well-kept and remains a great place to live in. Credit should go to the careful maintenance and management by our colleagues of the Estate Management Division. Inevitably, the buildings are ageing and redevelopment is necessary. Wah Fu Estate is scheduled for clearance and redevelopment in three phases, and the residents will move to nearby new estates with new facilities. Wah On House and Wah Lok House are the first to be demolished under Phase 1a, with rehousing to the reception estate on Wah King Street starting in the second half of 2026. The project team involved in Wah Fu Estate redevelopment will continue to engage residents and various stakeholders throughout the planning and development stages, with a view to carrying on the "Wah Fu spirit" by incorporating its characteristic features, tangible and intangible alike, into the design. Right after the announcement of the phased clearance and rehousing arrangements for Phase 1a on 14 March, briefings by the project team were held for residents. I also joined colleagues at the Southern District Council meeting and the briefing to the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to explain the redevelopment and related arrangements, and answered questions from residents and related stakeholders so as to ease their mind. Thanks to the professionalism and dedicated efforts of the project team, the redevelopment proposal has won support from the district councillors as well as the residents and NGOs with constructive views. I was impressed by this "Wah Fu spirit".



Queens Hill Estate and Shan Lai Court, located in the site of the former Queen’s Hill Barracks, are new developments with intake of residents about two years ago. It was around school finishing time when I arrived for the visit. The shopping arcades, sitting-out areas and playgrounds were full of students and parents having just come out of school or picked up their young kids. The sounds of frolics and merriment denoted the vibes and vitality of this new community. I was given a briefing by colleagues from the Estate Management Division on the use of innovative robots in estate patrol and cleansing work, and colleagues from the Development and Construction Division on the design concepts of the public housing development at Queen’s Hill and the extension works underway. Apart from the provision of comprehensive facilities for residents, the development included a wealth of conservation elements, such as in-situ preservation of trees, recycling of artifacts and timber salvaged from the old barracks into artworks and wooden benches, retention of the former officers’ mess for use as the management office of Shan Lai Court. Thanks to the continuous efforts from various teams in the Housing Department, Queen’s Hill has developed into a wholesome, new community providing quality living environment and convenience to the residents.



The above two estates, one old and the other new, were designed against different settings and possess their own distinctive features. Yet they have one thing in common: both are thoughtfully well-equipped to provide comfortable and quality homes for residents. My gratitude goes to colleagues of the Development and Construction Division and the Estate Management Division for their detailed presentations and explanation during my visits, helping me to learn more about an array of estate design and management modes as well as the fruitful outcome of the hard work of everyone. I look forward to more estate visits and sharing with fellow colleagues and residents in the near future.

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Director of Housing



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Estate Management Services Contractors Awards

Organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), the presentation ceremony of the Estate Management Services Contractors Awards was held at Domain, Yau Tong on 27 March to recognise services contractors and frontline staff for their outstanding performance in the past year.

Officiating at the presentation ceremony, the Deputy Director of Housing (Estate Management), Mr Ricky Yeung, expressed his gratitude for the support of the service contractors in various aspects in assisting the HA with the trial projects of smart estate management and applying new technologies in daily work that enhances the efficiency of estate management. Their support has not only reduced the workload of frontline staff, but also provided residents with better quality services.

A total of 83 awards were presented this year. The awardees include 18 property, cleansing, security services contractors and carpark operators, as well as 7 property services managers and 49 frontline staff. The estates managed by the winners of the Best Public Rental Housing Estate (Property Services) Large Estate award are Ching Ho Estate, Tin Yiu (I) & Tin Yiu (II) Estate, and Shek Lei (II) Estate, while the estates managed by the winners of the Best Public Rental Housing Estate (Property Services) Small Estate award are Sheung Lok Estate, Cheung Lung Wai Estate and Wah Kwai Estate (Wah Oi House). The winner list is [attached](#).



Deputy Director of Housing (Estate Management), Mr Ricky Yeung (centre), pictured with representatives of the winner of the Gold Award of Best Property Services Agent (Public Rental Housing).



Guests pictured with award winners at the presentation ceremony.