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Message from the Director

On the day of Tuen Ng Festival (31 May), I joined Secretary for Housing, Winnie; Deputy Director (Strategy), Estrella; Deputy Director (Estate Management), Ricky; Assistant Director (Estate Management)1, Hamidah; and Assistant Director (Estate Management)3, Michael, at the annual Sha Tin Dragon Boat Race on Shing Mun River.



We met there not just to check out the races, but to show support for our Housing Department (HD) Dragon Boat Team! The weather was perfect and mild that day, and the river was alive with large crowds of enthusiastic spectators and tourists. A first-timer to the event, I was thrilled by the passion and energy of HD colleagues competing in the races and cheering for our team.

The HD's Dragon Boat Team has achieved impressive results again this year. Pushing through with grit and grunt, our paddlers clinched one championship and three third-place trophies across four events, including the title in the "China Dragon Mixed Invitational Tournament – Construction Industry Council Groups Cup". It was



no small feat indeed to win and bring home honour from the keen competition. We celebrated together after the races with a roast pig cutting ceremony for the squad and fellow colleagues, fully soaking up the festive vibes.



The departmental Dragon Boat Team, established for over 30 years, is an active and accomplished player in races across the territory. Every challenge that our Team has taken on and completed with concerted efforts is demonstration of HD's professionalism and spirit of co-operation. I offer my congratulations again to the Team on another outstanding year, and look forward to more colleagues joining the Team to continue its success!

Charmaine Lee
Director of Housing



New Moves



Estate Management Services Contractors Awards

Organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), the presentation ceremony of the Estate Management Services Contractors Awards 2024 was held at Domain, Yau Tong, on 10 June to recognise services contractors and frontline staff for their outstanding performance in the past year. A new award was introduced to commend their significant contributions to combating the misuse of public housing this 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 collaborating with the HA to combat tenancy abuse of public housing, and to safeguard the precious housing resources. The HA has implemented a reward mechanism in the service contractor evaluation system to strengthen the effectiveness of combating tenancy abuse. Service contractors with good performance in combating tenancy abuse will receive additional points, which will enhance their bidding and contracting opportunities.

A total of 90 awards were presented this year. The awardees include 17 property, cleansing, security services contractors and carpark operators, as well as 8 property services managers and 56 frontline staff. The estates managed by the winners of the Best Public Rental Housing Estate (Property Services) Large Estate award are Tin Yiu (I) & Tin Yiu (II) Estate, Choi Yuen Estate, Hau Tak 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 Wing Cheong Estate, Wah Kwai Estate (Wah Oi House) and Lung Yat Estate. The winner list is [attached](#).



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



Award winners and guests at the presentation ceremony.



HA Contractors Commended for Construction Safety

Jointly organised by the Occupational Safety and Health Council; Labour Department; various government departments; organisations, associations and unions in the industry; the 25th Construction Safety Award Forum and Award Presentation Ceremony was held on 17 April.

With over 470 entries competing in nine award categories, contractors of New Works Contract under the HA have received a total of seven awards in six categories, covering one Gold, two Silvers and four Bronzes, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in occupational safety and health. The HA's award-winning projects are listed in [the attached file](#).



Acting Deputy Director (Development and Construction), Mr Andrew Lam (front row, second right) pictured with other officiating guests.



Action Seedling and Well-Being Activities at Hin Fat Estate

Committed to promoting community greening and creating a more pleasant living environment for its public housing estates, the HA organised action seedling and Well-Being activities on 30 May at Hin Fat Estate, Tuen Mun. Over 50 residents, as well as representatives from schools and various organisations planted potted plants at the landscaped garden.



The HD team and a Tuen Mun district council member plant potted plants together with the participants.

A guided tour was arranged to visit the key features of the latest Well-Being Design and the artistic displays, including the estate's ceramic art display area. Participants can learn more about the local history through the ceramic works of various artists and traditional pottery from the historic Tuen Mun Dragon Kiln. They also visited the universal service bay and the mobile services vehicle to experience health check-up services and attend health talks.



Ceramic artworks and historic Tuen Mun pottery displays help enrich the community's cultural identity.

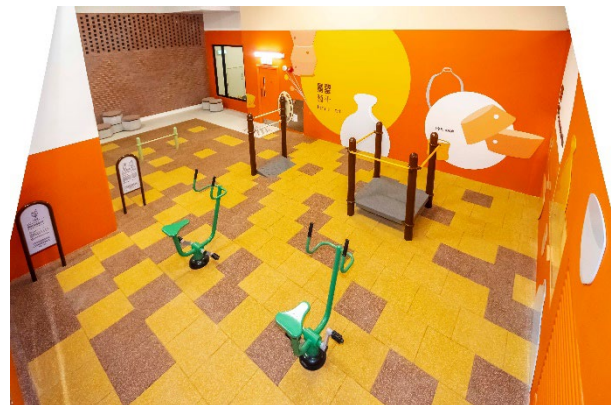
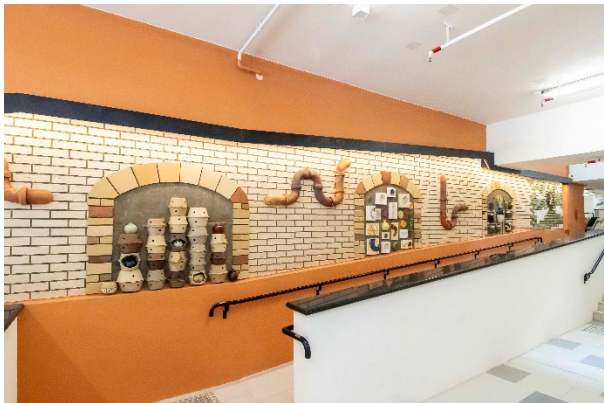


The Mobile Services Vehicle.



Participants pictured together at the universal service bay.

Hin Fat Estate is one of the first housing estates to implement the eight concepts of the Well-Being Design Guidelines, including “Green Living & Sustainability”, “Perception & Image”, “Health & Vitality”, and “Age-Friendliness”, so as to foster a greater sense of belonging and happiness among the residents.



A manifestation of the implementation of the Well-Being Design Guidelines at Hin Fat Estate.