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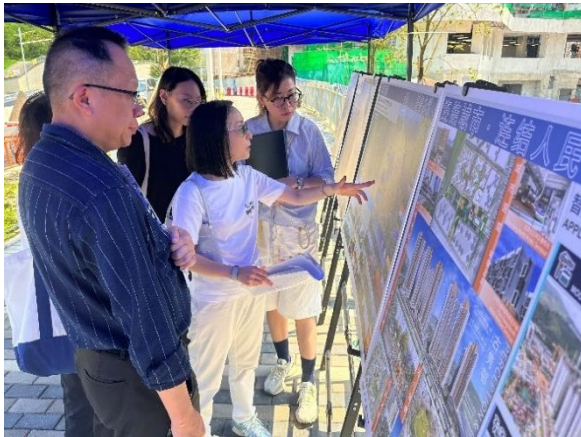


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I went on a site visit last Friday (7 August) to see the progress of two projects, namely the soon-to-be-completed Phase 1 of Kwu Chun Estate and the completed Fung San House under Phase 1 of Fung Wong Leng Estate.

My first stop was Kwu Chun Estate in Kwu Tung North, where I saw the site team working at full speed for the final stage of Phase 1 construction of the estate. Building works were also underway on both sides of the central plaza (including the railway station). According to Chief Architect, Anthea, and Senior Planning Officer, Dickson, elements of river, mountain, city and township are woven into the design of public housing developments in the Northern Metropolis. Development projects in Kwu Tung North will maximise the potential of surrounding assets by connecting public housing estates to hiking trails on the lush green hills nearby. With the Kwu Tung railway station currently under construction as another pull factor, this area is set to become a major hub of activities in future.



In Fanling North, development projects harness the characteristics of the local waterways, the scenic Ng Tung River in particular, to create a pleasant living environment for residents. I headed for Fanling North to visit Fung Wong Leng Estate and visited different types of flats in Fung San House under



Phase 1 of the project, which will soon be ready for intake. Anthea introduced features of the residential units and the well-being design elements which have been incorporated into the building, such as leaning benches inside the lifts, and handrails and hanging hooks installed beside the lobby letterboxes. Chief Manager, Esther, explained the Smart Access Control System, which allows residents to enter the building using Octopus cards or their “iAm Smart Personal Code”. I was also pleased to see that Intake Ambassadors were well prepared to assist residents for intake.

The Northern Metropolis is a new engine for Hong Kong’s future development and one of the key sources of land supply for housing in the years to come. Among the public rental and subsidised sale flats to be delivered by the Housing Authority (HA) and the Hong Kong Housing Society for the next five-year period, approximately 70 000 units are located in the Northern Metropolis. This accounts for about 40% of the total public housing production from 2026/27 to 2030/31. The HA is pressing ahead with these projects in the Northern Metropolis. The first batch of public rental housing units in the Northern Metropolis will be launched this year, comprising around 5 000 units in Phase 1 of Kwu Chun Estate in Kwu Tung North and around 3 100 units in Phase 1 of Fung Wong Leng Estate in Fanling North. Residents will be moving in by phases starting this August.

I am most grateful to all team members at DCD and EMD. Their efforts in adopting a phased approach to expedite project completion have enabled early delivery of new homes for residents to start a new chapter in life.

Charmaine Lee
Director of Housing



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Green Delight in Wah Fu

Organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority, a closing ceremony and a carnival of Green Delight in Wah Fu were held in Wah Fu Estate on 5 July 2026, with its aims to boost residents' environmental awareness and foster them to practise a green and low-carbon lifestyle.

Following a dragon-eye-awakening ritual officiated by the Director of Housing, Miss Charmaine Lee, and other guests of honour, a series of community activities and performances, including game booths, workshops, a fire dragon dance, and a guzheng solo was rolled out. A school choir performance featuring a song called "Wah Fu is My Home" also brought a touching moment for all.



The Director of Housing, Miss Charmaine Lee (right), officiates at the dragon-eye-awakening ritual with other guests of honour.



Residents' awareness towards environmental protection is raised through participation in games (left) and a workshop.



The Director of Housing (front row, eighth left) pictured with other guests and performers at the ceremony.

Green Delight in Estate, an environmental education programme, has been launched annually since 2005, in collaboration with environmental groups. The programme this year held in Wah Fu Estate offered voluntary “Community Repair Service” for simple home repairs, and the “Fire Dragon Head Crafting Family Workshop” for hand-made ritual dragon heads.



Volunteer team for “Community Repair Service”.



Participants joyfully present their handmade craftwork from the Fire Dragon Head Crafting Family Workshop.