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Best Wishes for the Year of the Dragon

With the approach of the Year of the Dragon, on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the senior directorate of the Housing Department, I would like to extend my Chinese New Year greetings to all public housing residents, colleagues and members of the general public.



*May the Year of the Dragon
bring vitality and fulfillment to all*

Winnie Ho
Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

Message from the Director

Chinese New Year is around the corner! In my childhood days, year-end preparation was a most vibrant bliss in public housing estates. After the ritual “home cleaning”, male heads of households would get their sleeves up to freshen up the metal gates of the flats with silver paint, while the housewives busied themselves in making all sorts of festival delicacies – peanut puff dumplings, sesame cookie balls, sweetened rice cakes, and classic dishes for the pre-new year family dinner. The aroma of the food wafting through the corridor was simply tantalising. Kids were of course the happiest reapers of all this culinary hard work as the home-made treats were often shared among neighbours.

Though neighbourhood interactions seem less robust nowadays, enjoying yummy food together is joyful as always. I would like to share with you my mother’s recipe of Chinese radish cake. I learned to make this savoury steamed cake when I was Mum’s little sous-chef in the kitchen, and still follow the same recipe now whenever it’s time to bring this traditional snack to the table for Chinese New Year. My high school buddies, now friends for 40 years, meet up at my place every year to celebrate the occasion and, more precisely, to savour Madam Law’s signature radish cake. It really is yummy! Do try the recipe below to make your own!

May I wish you all a healthy, happy, blessed and successful Year of the Dragon ahead!

Rosanna Law
Director of Housing

Madam Law's Homemade Radish Cake

Ingredients:

White radish	3 600grams
Rice flour	1 packet
Chinese sausage	4 stalks
Chinese bacon	1 slab
Dried shrimp	20 grams
Dried mushroom	12-15 pieces
Sliced ginger	a few pieces
Chopped spring onion	to taste

Method:

1. Peel and grate the radish into fine strips (Optional to have some thicker strips, though I personally prefer fine strips to the full for a consistent texture).
2. Dice the Chinese sausages and bacon, pre-washed dried shrimps, and pre-soaked and softened dried mushrooms. Sauté all these in a small wok until aromatic. Add a suitable amount of soy sauce, Huadiao wine, granulated sugar and sesame oil, and sauté until aromatic.
3. Place a large wok over low heat, add sliced ginger and cook the radish until softened. Add a teaspoon of chicken bouillon powder to enhance the flavour (optional). Sprinkle ground white pepper over the radish. Remember to take the ginger slices out when the radish is cooked.
4. Mix the rice flour with a little cool water to form a paste. Add the paste bit by bit to the cooked radish, and keep stirring with a wooden spoon until well-blended. (Great workout for arm muscles!)

5. Toss the sautéed Chinese sausage and bacon, dried shrimps and dried mushrooms into the paste and mix well.
6. Pour the mixture into cake pans of your preferred sizes, and steam the cakes over medium to high heat for one hour. Be sure to replenish hot water to prevent the wok from burning.
7. When done, sprinkle chopped spring onion over the radish cake while it's still hot, and it's ready to serve.
8. The radish cake, if completely cooled, can be preserved in the refrigerator for 5 to 6 days. Cut it into slices and pan-fry until golden brown for serving.





New Moves

Handwritten *Fai-chun* Brings Warm Greetings to Public Housing Residents

With the Year of the Dragon just around the corner, the Permanent Secretary for Housing / Director of Housing Miss Rosanna Law wrote *fai-chun* (Chinese greetings in calligraphy) with members of the Calligraphy Interest Group of the Housing Authority Staff Club in late January, for sharing the festive joy with public housing residents.



Miss Rosanna Law (centre) writes *fai-chun* with members of the Calligraphy Interest Group.

To bring warmth and care to elderly residents, Miss Law distributed the handwritten *fai-chun* to some of the elderly residents of the Housing for Senior Citizens during her visit to the Ancillary Facilities Block of Sau Mau Ping Estate on 2 February.



Miss Law (seventh left) visits elderly residents of Sau Mau Ping Estate and delivers her warm wishes to all before the Chinese New Year.



Together with the Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho, and the Under Secretary for Housing, Mr Victor Tai; Miss Law paid a visit to Hoi Tat Estate on 5 February to distribute *fai-chun* to the residents there. Each of them visited several families to present *fai-chun* and lucky bags, and chatted with the families to get to know more about their living condition.



Ms Winnie Ho (third left), Miss Law (fourth left) and Mr Victor Tai (second left) visit Hoi Tat Estate to distribute *fai-chun* to the residents there.



Miss Law (middle) sends her warm festive greetings to a family of Hoi Tat Estate.



Miss Law (first right) visits an elderly family and presents *fai-chun* and lucky bags to them.



Five Awards on BIM Honoured

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) has recently received five awards from the Autodesk Hong Kong BIM Awards 2023 and the Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling (HKIBIM) Awards 2023, in recognition of its effort and innovation in the exploration and applications of Building Information Modelling (BIM).

The HA has started to explore the possibilities of using Generative Design (GD) for architectural and structural applications, and has foreseen great potential in tapping into the power of artificial intelligence to optimise certain design aspects. Two initiatives, namely BIM-enabled Systematic Approach to Foundation Design (BIM-SAFD 2.0) and BIM-Generative Architectural Design Approach (BIM-SMAiRT), have been spearheaded. Both of which aim to enhance design efficiencies.



Assistant Director of Housing (Development & Procurement), Ir Daniel Leung (second left), receives the Grand Award – BIM Project (BIM Initiatives) at the presentation ceremony of the HKIBIM Award 2023.



The project team of BIM-SAFD pictured with the Industry Influencer Award – (Professional) at the presentation ceremony of the Autodesk Hong Kong BIM Awards 2023.



The project team of BIM-SMAiRT is presented with a Honourable Mention – (Professional) at the ceremony.

On the project front, Tung Chung Area 99 and Wang Chiu Road Phase 1 developments have been presented with a Gold Award and a Silver Award for their implementation of smart technologies at the construction stage, including “digital twins”, Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), and Reality Capture.



Ir Daniel Leung (fourth left) shares with the project team of Tung Chung Area 99 the joy of receiving the Gold Award – BIM Project (Statutory Bodies Projects).



The project team of Wang Chiu Road Phase 1 pictured with the Silver Award – BIM Project (Statutory Bodies Projects) after the ceremony.

The awards received are listed below:

Award	Category	Awarded Project
The Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling (HKIBIM) Award 2023	Grand Award – BIM Project (BIM Initiatives)	Innovative Use of Computational Design – A Public Housing Design Perspective
	Gold Award – BIM Project (Statutory Bodies Projects)	Construction of Public Housing Development at Tung Chung Area 99
	Silver Award – BIM Project (Statutory Bodies Projects)	Construction of Public Housing Development at Wang Chiu Road Phase 1
Autodesk Hong Kong BIM Awards 2023	Industry Influencer Award – (Professional)	BIM – enabled Systematic Approach to Foundation Design (BIM – SAFD) 2.0
	Honourable Mention – (Professional)	BIM-SMAiRT (BIM – Generative Architectural Design Approach)