# ABOUT THIS REPORT

This is the thirteenth edition of the Sustainability Report published by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), **Collective Intelligence** • **Building Together**. This Report highlights the HA's major sustainability commitments and performance with regard to environmental, social and economic facets and emphasises the HA's governance structures, management approaches, operations, activities and sustainability initiatives. It also summarises HA's performance and future plans to maintain and provide local public housing programmes in a sustainable manner for Hong Kong.

### Report Scope

This Report highlights the annual achievements and progress of the HA's sustainability performance from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 (unless otherwise mentioned in the Report). It makes reference to the HA's sustainability objectives and targets in terms of the planning and construction of new housing developments, the management and maintenance of the existing public rental housing estates, and the operation of our own office.

This Report covers all of the HA's activities and operations with no specific limitations to the reporting scope. Data and statistics presented as absolute figures have been normalised into comparable terms as far as practicable.

#### Criteria

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the Core Option of the <u>Global Reporting Initiative</u> (<u>GRI</u>) <u>Sustainability Reporting Standards</u>. The <u>GRI Content Index</u> at the end of the report illustrates how all the sections in this Report are linked to the relevant GRI indicators.

The HA values and considers stakeholders' expectations in our sustainability agenda. On an ongoing basis, we engage different stakeholder groups, including our staff, contractors, tenants and industry organisations, through meetings, surveys, interviews, collaborative programmes, forums and many other channels. With reference to the stakeholder engagement results, the material aspects and the corresponding boundaries are covered in this Report.

We welcome stakeholders' comments on our operations, activities, sustainability performance and reporting process. A **Feedback Form** is enclosed in this Report to collect readers' valuable views and comments for our continuous improvement.

#### Assurance

To assure the completeness, accuracy, reliability and creditability of our Report, we have engaged an independent party to verify the claims and data quoted in the Report. The <u>Verification Statement</u>, with the verifier's opinions and views on the Report, is presented in a later chapter.

## What's New

During the reporting period, there was no significant change in the size, structure, scope of work and ownership of the HA. There were no joint ventures or subsidiaries operated by the HA.