

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to announce the publication of the Hong Kong Housing Authority's (HA's) fourteenth Sustainability Report. The theme this year is **"Quality Housing • Green Living"**, which encapsulates the HA's unwavering commitment to providing quality homes for those in need of public housing, and promoting green living to our community. We are pleased to share with you in the report our fruitful achievements made in the past year.

Sustainable and quality housing should not be compromised in the process of increasing public housing supply. In the planning and design stage, we continued to apply the specifications of Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus, conduct Carbon Emission Estimation, and adopt passive design strategy in various public housing projects, in order to enhance building sustainability and resilience. During the year, we had one project attaining provisional platinum rating and three projects with provisional gold rating under BEAM Plus.

To enhance the quality, efficiency and site safety of our construction activities, we have been progressively adopting more precast concrete components, volumetric precast bathrooms and kitchens, and off-site construction in our projects over the last 25 years. We have developed precast acoustic balconies this year. In parallel, we are also exploring to adopt enhanced precast concrete components, such as semi-precast slab with pre-installed service conduits in the common areas of typical floors. With these, the precast rate will increase from current 70% to about 90% in terms of floor area. Besides, we will also continue to adopt the latest technologies and IT solutions, including Building Information Modelling (BIM), to harvest even greater efficiencies in our operations.



With respect to estate management, we promote a greener way of living to our residents and the community. We have made extra efforts on waste reduction this year to echo the Government's proposed Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging Scheme. In collaboration with relevant government departments, we have launched a MSW charging trial programme with our tenants in selected public rental housing estates, and a food waste off-site recycling pilot scheme at some of our wet markets and shopping centres.

In addition, we encourage healthy living of our residents, in particular our elderly tenants, and provide them with supporting facilities such as integrated community play areas for all ages and abilities. Partnering with other organisations, we have also been running the Healthy Ageing programme in which various activities were conducted including free health assessments, health talks and fitness training led by AI robots.

As a caring organisation, we attach great importance to engaging the community to understand their needs. We outreach to our residents and other stakeholders through resident surveys, workshops and consultation meetings, etc., to collect constructive feedback for continuous improvements of our services.

All our works need dedicated staff to put them in place. Through competency-building programmes for staff at various levels, we equip them with leadership and other necessary skills to appraise new ideas and innovate new solutions for the greater good of the community.

Despite the challenges ahead, we will continue to strive our best to provide sustainable and quality public housing with a view to fostering a harmonious community for Hong Kong and for all.



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