

# Application for flats under Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme to close tomorrow

Application for flats under the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2018 (GSH 2018) will close tomorrow (January 10). The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) has so far received about 23 000 applications.

A spokesman for the HA reminded eligible applicants to submit applications before the deadline.

The spokesman particularly reminded all valid Home Ownership Scheme 2018 (HOS 2018) Green Form (GF) applicants to return the reply slips and declaration forms to confirm their applications for GSH 2018 before the deadline.

To pilot the streamlined application procedures, from mid-December last year to early January this year, the HA sent a one-off notification letter and two SMS messages to individual valid GF applicants of HOS 2018 requesting them to confirm their application for GSH 2018. They were requested to complete and return through the estate management offices or tenancy management offices concerned both the reply slip and the declaration form enclosed in the notification letter to indicate their consent:

- (1) to carry over their HOS 2018 applications to GSH 2018;
- (2) to allow the HA and the Housing Department to use their personal information on HOS 2018 application forms for the processing of GSH 2018 applications; and
- (3) to return their existing public housing units upon successful purchase of GSH flats and to abide by other application requirements.

"Applicants returning the reply slips and declaration forms indicating their agreement to carry over their applications to GSH 2018 are not required to submit application for GSH 2018. Applicants who need to change their family composition or change the applicant have to submit new applications," the spokesman reiterated.

The HA will review the operational experience and consider scope for further streamlining with a view to facilitating application for HOS and GSH flats in 2019.

For applicants who do not return the reply slip and the declaration form to the HA on or before January 10, the HA will assume that they do not agree to carry over their applications from HOS 2018 to GSH 2018. However, such arrangement will not affect their applications under HOS 2018.

The HA has so far received about 23 000 applications, comprising about 17 000 from the GF applicants of HOS 2018 as well as about 6,000 new

applications. These applicants will receive an acknowledgement letter together with their GSH 2018 application number later. All the received applications will be included in the same open balloting exercise, which is expected to take place around the end of February this year.

Since the majority of the GF applicants are public rental housing households, they are required to submit their applications as well as the above-mentioned reply slips through the estate management offices or tenancy management offices concerned for verification and onward submission to the GSH Sales Unit for further processing. As such, the latest figures on the number of applications received will be duly announced after the application deadline and receiving all the applications from the estate offices.