<u>Approval letters to be issued to</u> <u>successful applicants under White Form</u> <u>Secondary Market Scheme 2019</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

Following the ballot for the White Form Secondary Market Scheme 2019 (WSM 2019) drawn on August 15, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) has completed detailed vetting of the eligibility of the applicants. Approval and confirmation letters for the 3 000 successful applicants (2 700 family applicants and 300 one-person applicants) will be issued tomorrow (December 27).

"Each successful applicant will be issued with one Approval Letter and two Confirmation Letters. One Confirmation Letter is applicable to the HA's HOS Secondary Market while the other is applicable to the Hong Kong Housing Society (HS)'s Flat-for-Sale Scheme (FFSS) Secondary Market. Within four weeks from the date of issue, holders of the Approval Letters may submit the Confirmation Letters to the HA and/or the HS for application for the Certificate of Eligibility to Purchase (CEP) to purchase a flat with premium not yet paid on the HA's HOS Secondary Market or the HS' FFSS Secondary Market. The fee for each CEP is HK\$770," a spokesman for the HA said.

"The CEP is valid for 12 months from the date of issue and no extension will be granted upon its expiry. To complete the transaction, holders of the CEP need to apply for a Letter of Nomination from the HA or the HS after they have entered into a Provisional Agreement for Sale and Purchase. The applicant and the family member(s) listed in the application form must meet the eligibility criteria of the WSM 2019 from submission of the application form up to the date of signing the Provisional Agreement for Sale and Purchase," he said.

The list of successful applications will be uploaded to the HA/Housing Department website (<u>www.housingauthority.gov.hk</u>) tomorrow.