

# Applications for purchase under the Sale of Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2019 and White Form Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market Scheme 2019 to close on June 12

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

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) reminded members of the public that the Sale of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Flats 2019 (HOS 2019) and White Form Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) 2019 (WSM 2019) will close on Wednesday (June 12) at 7pm. Applications submit after the application period will not be accepted.

"There are two more days for submitting applications. It is expected that a large number of applicants tend to submit their online applications shortly before the close of application, particularly a few hours before the deadline. The online system is expected to be very busy. In order to avoid experiencing difficulties in logging-in or delay in processing the applications, applicants are therefore urged to submit their online applications as early as possible to ensure a successful submission before the deadline," the spokesman said.

The spokesman reminded applicants that they should prepare all required information before filling in the online application form. Information includes the identity document(s) of the applicant and all family members (if any), the total household monthly income and total household net asset value, as well as a valid credit card. Before filling in the application form, please choose the correct application form (Green Form or White Form) and the scheme type (HOS, WSM or both). Family applicants please click the button for "Fill in Particulars of Family Member(s)" to fill in particulars of all family members before submitting the applications. Online amendments are not allowed after the applications are confirmed and payments are completed. If applicants find that they have filled in their information incorrectly, please inform the HA's HOS Sales Unit in writing to correct the information given (with the application number or identity card number specified) before the close of application (June 12).

For paper-based applications, White Form applicants, holders of a valid Green Form Certificate and households of Hong Kong Housing Society should submit the completed application forms together with the required documents to the HA Customer Service Centre (HACSC) at Lok Fu before the close of application. For submissions by mail, the date of submission will be determined by the postmark. Households of the HA are required to submit their completed application forms to their respective estate offices before the

close of application.

As at 5pm today (June 10), the HACSC at Lok Fu had received a total of about 51,000 paper-based applications for HOS 2019 and WSM 2019. For online applications, 144,000 for HOS 2019 and 72,000 for WSM 2019 were received by the HA through e-Submission.

For information on HOS 2019, please visit the HOS 2019 website ([www.housingauthority.gov.hk/hos/2019](http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/hos/2019)). The spokesman reminded members of the public to read the Application Guides before applying. Online applicants should refer to the step-by-step e-Submission video to find out how to apply online before filling in the form.

Members of the public may visit the HACSC at Lok Fu from 8am to 7pm during the application period, or call the 24-hour HA Sales and WSM hotline on 2712 8000 for matters relating to HOS 2019 or WSM 2019.

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## **Employment agency convicted for overcharging foreign domestic helpers**

A licensee of an employment agency (EA) was convicted at Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (June 10) for overcharging nine foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) and was fined a total of \$84,000. The court also ordered the EA to refund the placement fee in excess, totalling \$60,297, to the FDHs concerned.

From October 2018 to January 2019, the Employment Agencies Administration (EAA) of the Labour Department (LD) received complaints from nine FDHs against Philip-Indonesian Helpers Employment Limited, located in North Point, for charging them excessive commission. The complainants agreed to assist in the investigation. As there was sufficient evidence following investigation that the concerned EA had overcharged them, the LD decided to take out prosecution against the licensee of the EA.

According to the law, an EA is not allowed to collect from a job seeker any fees or charges other than the prescribed commission, which is an amount not exceeding 10 per cent of the first month's salary of the job seeker upon successful placement.

The LD reminds EAs to operate in full compliance with the law, as well as the Code of Practice for Employment Agencies at all times. Failure to do so may lead to prosecution and possible revocation of licences. The Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, effective since February 9, 2018 also raises the maximum penalty for overcharging job seekers to a fine of \$350,000 and imprisonment for three years.

For complaints about unlicensed operation or overcharging of commission by EAs, please call the EAA of the LD at 2115 3667, or visit its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.

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## **Missing woman in Tin Sum located**

A woman who went missing in Tin Sum has been located.

Lam Heung-lan, aged 79, went missing after she left her residence in Sha Kok Estate on June 8 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman was located on Chong San Road, Ma On Shan this afternoon (June 10).

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## **Missing man in Kwai Chung located**

A man who went missing in Kwai Chung has been located.

Choi Yu-kwo, aged 43, went missing after he left a rehabilitation centre at Kwai Shing Circuit and was last seen on Tai Wo Hau Road on May 31 afternoon. Staff of the centre made a report to Police on June 3.

The man was located at the centre today (June 10) afternoon.

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## **Appeal for information on missing woman in Yuen Long (with photo)**

Police today (June 10) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Yuen Long.

Fiona Mak Wai-yee, aged 48, went missing after she was last seen on Kung Um Road on June 5 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the next day.

She is about 1.55 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of normal build. She has a round face with yellow complexion and short straight black hair. She was last seen wearing a white jacket, black trousers and black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036, 9020 6542 or email to [rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.

