

# Government posts notices of land resumption for First Phase Development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area

The Lands Department (LandsD) today (July 23) posted notices in accordance with section 4 of the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Chapter 124), section 14 of the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) and section 4 of the Land Acquisition (Possessory Title) Ordinance (Chapter 130) for the resumption of land for the implementation of the First Phase Development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (HSK/HT NDA).

The development comprises site formation and engineering infrastructure works within the works area of the First Phase Development for forming sites for the subsequent development of a Dedicated Rehousing Estate (DRE) for rehousing eligible domestic households, village resite areas for compensating eligible building lot owners, purpose-built multi-storey buildings/open air sites for accommodating brownfield operations, and an electricity substation.

A total of 195 private lots with an area of about 12 hectares and land involving 10 graves and 42 urns with an area of about 359.36 square metres will be resumed. The land will revert to the Government upon the expiry of a period of three months from the date of affixing the notices of land resumption (i.e. October 24, 2020). After affixing the notices, the Government will offer ex-gratia land compensation to the relevant land owners in accordance with the relevant procedures.

For the affected households and business undertakings within the works area, the above-mentioned land reversion date is not their departure deadline. Affected households and business undertakings should note the departure deadlines (ranging from the fourth quarter of this year to the third quarter of 2021) as indicated in the letters issued by the LandsD to each of them on July 9 this year. In accordance with the applicable procedures, the LandsD will post notices again in relevant areas three months before the departure deadlines of the relevant affected households and business undertakings.

The LandsD and relevant government departments are handling the compensation and rehousing matters of the relevant land owners and affected households and business undertakings at full steam, and will endeavour to complete the follow-up work of the relevant cases before clearance commences.

The HSK/HT NDA will be positioned as a regional hub in the North West New Territories. Upon full development, it will provide a total of about 61 000 housing units. The enabling works under the First Phase Development are critical to the smooth implementation of the whole NDA development. In

particular, the DRE to be constructed on the site formed under the First Phase Development is targeted for population intake in 2024, so that there will be sufficient units to rehouse the eligible households affected by the clearance operations for the Second Phase Development to be commenced from the same year.