<u>Government to let by tender five sites</u> <u>in New Territories to brownfield</u> <u>operators</u>

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (December 22) that a total of five pieces of government land in Tuen Mun and North District will be let by way of short-term tenancy through tender to eligible brownfield operators affected by the land resumption and clearance exercises before or within the fourth quarter of 2026 under relevant government development projects.

Brownfield operators, which were invited to participate in a short-term tenancy through previous relevant tenders for two or more times after the completion of clearance exercises of relevant government development projects, would be excluded from this tender.

The tender commences today and will close on January 25, 2024. Details of the five pieces of land and the list of relevant government development projects involved are described in a <u>Government Notice</u> gazetted today.

Under the prevailing arrangements, business operators affected by government development projects will be offered statutory compensation in accordance with the law, or ex-gratia allowances as an alternative, subject to fulfilment of relevant eligibility criteria.

A spokesperson for the LandsD said that in order to facilitate brownfield operators' relocation of businesses or operations, and to optimise the utilisation of land resources, the department has been identifying suitable vacant sites on government land to let through tender by way of a short-term tenancy.

The five pieces of land to be let through tender are suitable for a range of uses including industrial use, storage, workshop, recovery and recycling or reprocessing business and fee-paying public carpark.

The spokesperson stressed that the LandsD will continue to identify vacant sites suitable for use by those brownfield operators required to be displaced and these sites will be let through tender by way of a short-term tenancy.