

## Hong Kong Housing Authority attaches great importance to wage arrears incident of construction workers of public housing development project at Tung Chung Area 100

At about 9.30am today (November 8), around 70 workers engaged in a public housing development project at Tung Chung Area 100 gathered at Ying Tung Estate and later proceeded to the construction site nearby to demand their outstanding wages payment. Representatives of the main contractor (Aggressive Construction Company Limited) were present at the site to understand the situation, and a chief architect of the Housing Department (HD) also reached to the site to assess the situation and render appropriate assistance. The Police and officers of the Labour Department also quickly arrived at the site to maintain order and handle the situation.

The Housing Authority (HA) has always processed the payment to the main contractor according to the contract provision and established mechanism, and has instructed the main contractor to properly handle the wage arrangements for the workers of its sub-contractors and resolve any issues of outstanding wages payment. Top management of the HD has required the main contractor to actively resolve the wage arrears of the workers and targeted to settle the outstanding payment in November. The HA attaches great importance to workers' rights and will closely monitor the progress while working with the main contractor to resolve the wages issues.