

## Housing Authority responds to queries about drainage systems at Tenants Purchase Scheme units

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

In response to media enquiries on the drainage systems at the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) units, a spokesman for the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) made the following statement today (February 13):

The fixtures and fittings (including drainage systems) of those unsold public rental housing (PRH) flats under the HA in the TPS Estates are in accordance with the original design and in compliance with the prevailing relevant statutory requirements. When the HA's sitting tenants opt to purchase their flats, they could report to the HA the items of the landlord's fixtures and fittings in their flats that required repairs. The works staff of the property service company appointed by the HA will inspect landlord's fixtures and fittings in the flat, so as to follow up items that required repairs. If defects are found, the property service company will arrange contractor to carry out necessary repair works. All completed repair works will be inspected and checked in order by works staff of the property service company.

"If any unauthorised alteration is found in the flat, including those made to the drainage system, the HA will require the tenant to reinstate the unauthorised works back to the original design before accepting the application of purchase for the flat," the spokesman said.

He stressed that tenants are also required to sign an undertaking to declare that there is no unauthorised alteration in their flats.

"In other words, the design, fixtures and fittings including the drainage system of the PRH flats at the time of sale, are in compliance with the HA's original design and in compliance with prevailing statutory requirements."