

# Housing Authority's Commercial Properties Committee members visit public housing (with photos)

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

The Housing Authority (HA) has been following up closely on the conversion of storerooms and exploring various ways for better utilisation of the storerooms so as to make good use of resources and address community needs. Accompanied by the Deputy Director of Housing (Estate Management), Miss Rosaline Wong, the Chairman of the HA's Commercial Properties Committee (CPC), Ms Tennessy Hui, and various CPC members today (May 9) visited Shun Lee and Shun Tin Estates in Kwun Tong to understand the latest developments of such conversions.

Members of the CPC first visited the converted flats at Lee Cheung House at Shun Lee Estate. A total of 15 public rental housing (PRH) units there, ranging from 33 square metres to 41 sq m, have been converted from storerooms and empty bays. Members said they were pleased to note that technical staff of the Housing Department (HD) had adopted various measures including optimising the fenestration area to enhance the provision of natural lighting and ventilation so as to overcome the effect of insufficient headroom. The completed units are now ready for allocation.

Members then visited the former kindergarten premises on the ground and first floors of Tin Kam House at Shun Tin Estate. They said they were pleased to learn that the ground floor of the premises would be converted into a neighbourhood elderly centre, while the first floor would be converted into six PRH units.

Members then went to Yan Tin Shopping Centre in Tuen Mun for its official opening.

Yan Tin Shopping Centre comprises 22 shops and a single operator market on two storeys, with a total lettable area of about 4 200 sq m. The shopping centre was completed in March 2018 and has opened for business gradually, featuring different trades including a supermarket, eateries, a convenience store, a pharmacy, a clinic and a self-service bank, addressing the daily needs of the residents.

The HD has been organising visits to the HA's non-domestic facilities for members of the HA's CPC from time to time to enable them to gain first-hand knowledge of their operation.

