Land resumption for Kwun Tong urban renewal project gazetted

The Lands Department today (May 17) announced the resumption of land at Hong Ning Road/Yue Man Square/Kwun Tong Road in Kwun Tong (the concerned land) for the implementation of the second phase of the Kwun Tong Town Centre (KTTC) — Main Site Development Scheme.

The KTTC — Main Site Development Scheme is an urban renewal project with a total area of about 48 860 square metres. It is divided into four Development Areas (DAs), namely DA2, DA3, DA4 and DA5. The DA2 and DA3 are in the first phase of the KTTC — Main Site Development Scheme and the construction works for redevelopment are underway. The DA4 and DA5 are in the second phase development which will comprise a tower for commercial/office cum hotel, a complex with commercial/institution cum government offices, social welfare facilities and a multi-purpose activity venue, basement car park facilities, loading and unloading facilities, as well as at-grade public open space. Its implementation will help improve the overall living environment of the area.

A total of 466 private property interests at the concerned land will be resumed under the Lands Resumption Ordinance. The affected interests will revert to the Government on the expiration of three months from the date on which the resumption notice is affixed on-site. Details of the private land affected were published by notice in the <u>Government Gazette</u> today.

Apart from statutory compensation, eligible owners of domestic properties will be offered an ex-gratia home purchase allowance or a supplementary allowance as appropriate. Eligible domestic tenants will be offered rehousing to public rental housing units provided by the Hong Kong Housing Authority or the Hong Kong Housing Society, or an ex-gratia cash allowance.

Eligible commercial property occupiers, including owners and tenants, may opt for an ex-gratia allowance in lieu of the right to claim statutory compensation for business and related losses.

If statutory claims made by the affected owners and tenants of both domestic and commercial properties under the Lands Resumption Ordinance cannot be settled by agreement, the owners and tenants may apply to the Lands Tribunal for adjudication. Professional fees reasonably incurred by the claimants in making such claims may be reimbursed by the Government.