

Members of Hong Kong Housing Authority and its Commercial Properties Committee visit HA's non-domestic facilities (with photos)

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Members of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and its Commercial Properties Committee visited the HA's non-domestic facilities today (June 20).

The group first visited the Queens Hill Estate in Fanling. They were briefed on the modern design, layout and trade mix of the commercial facilities. A total of 48 shops and a single-operator market (SOM) are provided in a three-storey shopping centre at the estate with a total retail area of about 7 400 square meters. These businesses include a Chinese restaurant, fast food shop, cafe, supermarket, bakery, bank, convenience store, hair salon, pharmacies and a medical clinic, etc. The SOM provides a total of 66 shop stalls offering dry and wet trades as well as cooked food. The shops and market have commenced business gradually since 2022, providing daily necessities for residents.

"The initial stage of operation coincided with the outbreak of the fifth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff of the Housing Department communicated closely with shop tenants and other stakeholders to explore various options to resolve the challenges during the start-up period. They liaised with shop tenants proactively to discuss leasing and fitting out arrangements, and assisted them to commence business smoothly, thereby providing residents with daily necessities of retail and catering," a spokesman for the HA said. Then, members officiated at the opening ceremony of the Queens Hill Shopping Centre.

After that, members visited Domain at Yau Tong, the flagship shopping mall of the HA. Opened in 2012, Domain has eight floors and a total gross area of about 45 000 sq m with about 150 shops. The HA has all along adopted a proactive and flexible leasing strategy for Domain to provide customers with a wide range of shopping, leisure and dining options. Members visited a newly opened family-friendly restaurant on the third floor of Domain. With an area of nearly 2 000 sq m, the restaurant integrates a play area and a Chinese restaurant-style eatery, allowing families to enjoy meals while the young have their fun in the play area. This is a new shopping experience for customers.

"The HA strives to enhance the facilities of the shopping centre in order to meet market trends and create ever more comfortable shopping environments for customers," said the spokesman.

Members inspected the newly completed improvement works of Domain, including washroom improvements and renovations of the rooftop garden with the provision of a labyrinth park and a nursery garden. Along with the renovation, Domain Club has been organising community gardening activities at the nursery garden periodically for its members. These activities are widely welcomed by adults and children alike, and have proven popular with families.

Environmentally friendly elements have been incorporated in the building design and facilities of Domain, including a hybrid ventilation system which makes use of natural wind to reduce the use of air conditioning. Sterilised condensation water is used for watering so as to maximise the use of natural resources. Natural sunlight is streamed indoor for lighting use. Extensive use of glass curtain walls and skylight allows sunlight in, minimising the need for artificial lighting, thus allowing energy saving and reduction of carbon emissions.



