

## S for Housing begins Singapore visit (with photos)

The Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho, began her visit to Singapore yesterday (August 22). She met with local government officials to exchange views in areas such as housing policies, innovative construction technologies and green building. Members of the Hong Kong Housing Authority Strategic Planning Committee, as well as representatives of the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS), the Housing Bureau and the Housing Department also joined the visit.

Upon arriving in Singapore yesterday afternoon, Ms Ho first had a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing & Development Board (HDB) of Singapore, Mr Tan Meng Dui, to learn about local housing policies and public housing projects. She then met with the Minister for National Development of Singapore, Mr Desmond Lee, and was briefed on overall land use planning as well as development strategies and direction of Singapore.

Ms Ho continued her visit to Singapore today (August 23). She first visited the Tiong Bahru Market in the morning to learn more about the management and operation models of public markets and cooked food centres that cater for daily needs of the residents. She then visited a public housing project, SkyVille@Dawson, of which the design of the project emphasises community connection and sustainability. The delegation then attended a luncheon with representatives from the construction sector of Singapore to share views and experiences on innovative construction technologies.

In the afternoon the delegation visited Kampung Admiralty, a multi-agency project developed by the HDB in partnership with a number of government departments and organisations. It is a first-of-its-kind development in Singapore, integrating housing, healthcare, commercial, retail, social and communal facilities to cope with the needs of an aging population. The delegation visited the Punggol Eco-Town afterwards to get an understanding of sustainable urban planning in Singapore. Punggol is the country's first eco-friendly public housing precinct which supports sustainable town development through effective energy, water and waste management.

Ms Ho will continue her visit to Singapore tomorrow (August 24).



