"Population and Household Statistics Analysed by District Council District 2023" published

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (April 5) the report "Population and Household Statistics Analysed by District Council District 2023".

The report provides information on the socio-economic characteristics of the land-based non-institutional population in 2023 at the District Council district level. Population characteristics like age and sex, and household characteristics like household income and type of households are included.

The statistics in the report are primarily compiled based on the survey results of the General Household Survey from January to December 2023 as well as the mid-year population estimates, thus largely reflecting the average profiles of the population in each District Council district in the year. This survey covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong. Some summary statistics by District Council district are shown in Table 1 and Table 2 attached.

Users can browse and download the report at the website of the C&SD at (https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1130301&scode=150).

Enquiries about the contents of the report can be directed to the Social Analysis and Research Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2887 5106; e-mail: ghs@censtatd.gov.hk).

<u>Appeal for information on missing</u> <u>woman in Mong Kok (with photo)</u>

Police today (April 5) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Mong Kok.

Ho Siu-lun, aged 47, went missing after she was last seen at MTR Prince Edward Station yesterday (April 4) afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.6 metres tall, 61 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. She was last seen wearing a green short-sleeved T-shirt, red trousers, black

shoes and carrying a black sling bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or 6736 2136 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station. Ends



Proposed land resumption for public housing development at Tai Tau Leng in Sheung Shui gazetted

The Lands Department (LandsD) today (April 5) announced the proposal for resumption of land for public housing development at Tai Tau Leng in Sheung Shui under the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap. 124).

The proposal involves the resumption of 33 private lots with an area of about 12 000 square metres. Details were published in the notice gazetted today. The notice is affixed in a conspicuous place on or near the land proposed to be resumed. A copy of the notice and resumption plan are also available on LandsD website

(www.landsd.gov.hk/en/resources/gov-notices/acq.html). Members of the public may also inspect the above-mentioned documents at the following government offices during office hours:

• Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Harbour Building,

- 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, North District Government Offices, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories; and
- District Lands Office, North, 6/F, North District Government Offices, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories.â€<

The owner, occupier of the land or any person having any right in relation to the land to be resumed, who wishes to object to the proposed resumption, is required to submit a written objection to the Director of Lands. The written objection must sufficiently identify the aforementioned identity of the objector and describe how the objector will be affected by the proposal. Objectors are requested to provide contact details and deliver written objections to the Director of Lands on or before June 4, via one of the following means:

- By post or by hand to the District Lands Office, North, 6/F, North District Government Offices, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories;
- By fax to 2675 9224; or
- By email to gendlon@landsd.gov.hk.

HKMA issues alert regarding specific website

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

â€<The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public in Hong Kong that the firm "Spider" as referred to on the website of https://www.spidersrc.com/web/ does not have the authorization of the Monetary Authority (MA) under the Banking Ordinance (the Ordinance) to carry on banking business, or the business of taking deposits, in Hong Kong; and it does not have the approval of the MA to establish a local representative office in Hong Kong under the Ordinance.

Given the global nature of the Internet, members of the public are reminded to verify the status of any organisation making use of the Internet to offer bank accounts to, or to solicit deposits from, the public in Hong Kong prior to transferring any funds to, or providing any personal information to, any such organisation.

A list of authorized institutions is available on the HKMA's website (www.hkma.gov.hk). Members of the public may also check the status of any entity which appears to be soliciting deposits from the public in Hong Kong, or holding itself out as a bank or deposit-taking company in Hong Kong, by emailing the HKMA's public enquiry service (publicenquiry@hkma.gov.hk).

<u>Six managers and three co-owners fined</u> <u>over \$460,000 for not complying with</u> <u>removal orders</u>

Six managers and three co-owners were convicted and fined over \$460,000 in total at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts last month for failing to comply with removal orders issued under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 123).

The first case involved an unauthorised structure with an area of about 1 900 square metres on two lots in D.D. 124, Yuen Long. The subject lots are jointly managed by six managers responsible for the management of the ancestral land concerned. Since the Lands Department would not issue a certificate of exemption for the structure, it is not a New Territories Exempted House under the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance (Cap. 121). As the unauthorised building works (UBWs) were carried out without the prior approval and consent from the Buildings Department (BD), a removal order was served on the managers under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal order, the six managers were prosecuted by the BD and were convicted at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on April 28 last year. The Court adjourned the hearing and ordered the managers to report the status of removal of the UBWs before handing down a sentence. As the managers still failed to comply with the removal order during the hearing on March 22, they were fined a total of \$306,000 by the Court, of which \$186,000 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued.

The second case involved a flat co-owned by three owners in a composite building on Yan Ching Street, Tuen Mun, where four unauthorised structures with a total area of about 65 square metres were erected on the flat roof of the flat. As the UBWs were carried out without the prior approval and consent from the BD, a removal order was served on the owners under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal order, the three owners were prosecuted by the BD and were fined a total of \$155,100, of which \$95,100 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued, upon conviction at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on March 22.

A spokesman for the BD said today (April 5), "UBWs may lead to serious consequences. Owners must comply with removal orders without delay. The BD will continue to take enforcement action against owners who have failed to comply with removal orders, including instigation of prosecution, so as to ensure building safety."

Failure to comply with a removal order without reasonable excuse is a serious offence under the BO. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$200,000 and one year's imprisonment, and a further fine of \$20,000 for each day that the offence continues.