<u>Winning entries of Housing Authority's</u> <u>50th Anniversary Photo Contest on</u> <u>display at Domain (with photos)</u>

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

Organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), the HA's 50th Anniversary Photo Contest has been successfully concluded. The winning entries are on display at the atrium of Domain shopping mall in Yau Tong from today (December 14) until January 19, 2024. Members of the public are welcome to visit the exhibition.

The panel of judges for the contest comprised the Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho; the Chairman of the HA's Subsidised Housing Committee, Ms Cleresa Wong; and renowned photographer Lau Ching-ping.

Ms Ho remarked, "The entries are high quality and unique. It was a challenge for me to make the final decisions. The participants showcase the beauty of estates and the intriguing lives of the residents from various perspectives. I am delighted to perceive public housing estates through the viewpoints of the public."

With the themes of "Public housing vistas" and "Buildings and design aesthetics of public housing", the photo contest received over 2 000 submissions across three categories: "Open Group", "Resident Group" and "Staff Group". For each category, there is a champion, first runner-up, second runner-up and 10 merit awards.

The champion photo of the "Open Group" is entitled "Joyful Childhood". The photographer captured two little girls playing happily at the open space of Wah Fu Estate. The champion photo of the "Resident Group" is entitled "A Day of Great Happiness" and was taken in Shun Tin Estate, showing bridesmaids and groomsmen taking photos with the newlyweds on different floors along the corridors of an estate block, infused with joy and happiness. The champion photo of the "Staff Group" is entitled "Cultivation" and was taken in Sai Wan Estate, portraying an outdoor staircase rising alongside an estate block, resembling a terraced field. It is as beautiful as a painting under the illumination of the light at the beginning of dusk.

The photo contest is one of the celebratory activities for the HA's 50th anniversary. The results have been announced on the <u>contest's website</u>. After the display at Domain shopping mall, the exhibition of the winning photos will also appear at various housing estate shopping centres from January to April 2024.

The supporting organisations of the photo contest include local professional organisations and photographic societies, namely the Construction Industry Council, the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the

Hong Kong Institute of Housing, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, the Photographic Salon Exhibitors Association, the Hong Kong Cameras Club, Ltd, the Chinese Photographic Association of Hong Kong, Ltd, the Photographic Society of Hong Kong and the United Artist Photographic Association.

The theme of the HA's 50th anniversary is "Carving for the Future". "Carving" symbolises the HA's persistent efforts over the years to partner with stakeholders from all walks of life to build better homes for Hong Kong residents. "Future" signifies the HA's unswerving commitment to lead the development of subsidised housing for overcoming the challenges ahead.

Apart from the photo contest and exhibition, various activities and events have also been held this year as part of the 50th anniversary celebration that cater for people of different ages and interests. These include a logo design competition; presenting New Year's couplets to residents; Blueprint x Footprint Treasure Hunt self-guided tour of housing estates; a 3×3 basketball challenge; distributing lucky bags to elderly residents during the Mid-Autumn Festival; a dialogue forum for the new generation on the evolution of public housing in Hong Kong; and production of a TV documentary series on the HA's 50th anniversary. Interested parties can visit the HA's 50th anniversary website to browse the related information.







