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Housing Society Breaks New Ground in Quality Living for the Elderly

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Hon Donald Tsang, today (24 March) officiated the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Tanner Hill Senior Residences held by the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) on 3 Tanner Hill Road. Ms Eva Cheng, Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mrs Carrie Lam, Secretary for Development and Dr Leong Che-hung, Chairman of Elderly Commission, were among the guests present on this special occasion.

As the Hong Kong population continues to age, the more affluent elderly set a higher expectation on the quality of retirement living. HKHS developed two housing projects under the Senior Citizen Residences (SEN) Scheme – Jolly Place and Cheerful Court – in 2003 and 2004 respectively. A total of 576 units for the elderly are fully occupied with a long waiting list, reflecting the strong demand for quality elderly housing options.

The Chief Executive's Policy Address in 2007 supported the expansion of the comprehensive home care approach in the provision of elderly housing. In 2008, the Government approved the lease modification of the former Tanner Hill site for the development of an elderly housing project by HKHS.

The Tanner Hill Senior Residences project will not enjoy any concessionary land premium and HKHS will pay the full market value land premium which will reflect the lease of the housing units to affordable elders aged 60 or above. HKHS will operate the project on a self-sustainable basis without subsidy from the Government. Tenants will enjoy the services and facilities under a user-pays principle.

HKHS Chairman Mr Yeung Ka-sing said, “In tandem with the demand for quality senior housing in society, HKHS embarked on the development of the Tanner Hill Senior Residences project, combining elderly residential units and a well-equipped ‘Elderly Hub’. By creating a cosmopolitan quality life style, we aim to enable the senior residents to maintain or even enhance their standard of living upon their retirement. Meanwhile, the project can also benefit the neighbourhood to achieve the purpose of ‘ageing in community’.”

The development will comprise three 30-storey blocks of high class elderly residence, providing about 500 individual rental units. Choices of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom flat with gross floor area ranging from 500 to 800 sq ft will be available. The clubhouse will be fitted with an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, library, wine cellar, business centre, etc. The “Elderly Hub” will include an elderly care centre, a clinic, a daycare centre, specialty shops for the elderly and restaurant. The project is expected to be completed by end 2013.

HKHS will launch an exclusive Elderly Club to offer first-hand information on the Tanner Hill and Wetland Park Road projects to interested retired persons and those planning to retire. The Club will also allow the Housing Society to understand the expectations of the target group for this project. A variety of activities on healthy living will also be organized for its members.

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Photos:



The Chief Executive The Hon Donald Tsang officiating the Tanner Hill Senior Residences Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony with the Housing Society Chairman Yeung Ka-sing.



Tanner Hill Senior Residences design model

Tanner Hill Senior Residences Development
Fact Sheet

Nature of Development	:	An elderly housing development to provide a cosmopolitan quality life style with an well-equipped “Elderly Hub” serving the neighbourhood
Venue	:	3 Tanner Road, North Point, Hong Kong
Area of Construction Site	:	8,500 sq m
Gross Floor Area	:	Approximately 51,000 sq m
Development Items	:	Elderly units, residential clubhouse and “Elderly Hub”
No of Units	:	About 500 units specially designed for the elderly
Area of Units	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ranging from 500 sq ft to 800 sq ft- Offering studio flats, one-bedroom flats and two-bedroom flats
Clubhouse Facilities	:	Including an indoor swimming pool, spa, gymnasium, library, wine cellar, banquet room, etc.
“Elderly Hub” Facilities	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elderly care centre- Daycare centre- Medical centre- Activity centre- Restaurant
Construction Cost	:	Estimated about \$1.3 billion (exclude land premium)
Expected Completion Date	:	Around end 2013