

Press Release

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Hong Kong Housing Society Sets for Quality Retirement Living

The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) is pleased and prepared to undertake the development of two elderly housing projects as announced by the Government, one at the Tanner Road and the other in Tin Shui Wai.

HKHS has in fact submitted preliminary proposals for the two projects to the Government. Riding on the success of the two pilot projects of the Senior Citizens Residences (SEN) Scheme, the Tanner Road site on the Hong Kong Island will be developed into an "Elderly Hub" complete with comprehensive medical and care facilities to serve not only the elderly residents, but also the neighboring community.

The Integrated Elderly Community Project in Tin Shui Wai aims to promote aging in place, enhance social harmony, create job opportunities and boost the local economy. It will comprise various components including elderly housing, Wellness Center, resort hotel, kindergarten, training and recreational facilities.

Unlike Jolly Place and Cheerful Court of the SEN Scheme, the elderly flats in these two projects incur land costs and thus will be leased to affordable seniors at market prices upon completion. The two projects will provide a choice of different living ambience for the affordable elderly. While the Tanner Road project is conveniently located in the urban area on Hong Kong Island, the Integrated Elderly Community Project next to the Wetland Park in Tin Shui Wai will provide a tranquil resort environment.

HKHS is now working intensively on the planning, design and consultation of these projects and will make further announcements when details are finalized.

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