

**Press Release** 

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## "T-Home" at Ming Wah Dai Ha Set to Open for Applications

The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) announced that the "T-Home" at Ming Wah Dai Ha would accept applications during the period from 23 September 2021 to 6 October 2021 from eligible families on the waiting list of public rental housing.

Completed in the 1960s, Ming Wah Dai Ha in Shau Kei Wan is currently under redevelopment and its Block A to E, which falls under the third phase of the redevelopment scheme, is expected to be redeveloped in 2028. As such, HKHS has ceased allocating the vacant units in these blocks (except transfer within estate) while renovating them into transitional housing to provide about 200 "T-home" units for applications from two-person to four-person families who have been on the waiting list of public rental housing for three years or more. Following the first batch of over 100 "T-home" units, more units will be available for use as "T-home" during the course of decanting.

HKHS Chief Executive Officer James Chan said, "Further to the 'T-home' at Yue Kwong Chuen, Kwun Tong Garden Estate and Chun Seen Mei Chuen, we again leverage the housing units in rental estates pending redevelopment to provide transitional housing. The strategy of utilising existing units for transitional housing could avoid construction work, thereby housing resources can be optimised to help provide improved living environment for low-income families in a more timely manner."

No. of occupants	Internal Floor Area of the Flats	Monthly Licence Fee (inclusive of rates)
2 to 3 persons	Approx. 16-29 m <sup>2</sup>	About \$1,440 - \$2,700
4 persons	Approx. 32-45 m <sup>2</sup>	About \$2,100 - \$3,300

Details of the "T-Home" at Ming Wah Dai Ha are as follows:

Eligibility criteria of Ming Wah Dai Ha "T-Home" applicants are as follows:

1) Must be from families of 2-4 persons whose applications for public rental housing (PRH) of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) have been registered for 3 years or more (i.e. the registration date is on or before 7 October 2018); and



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- 2) The application for PRH of HA must remain valid at any time from the registration date for application of HA's PRH up to the commencement of the Monthly Licence issued under the Scheme and during the subsistence of the Monthly Licence; and
- 3) The information of the applicant and his/her family member(s) must be the same as that of the application for PRH of HA; and
- 4) The applicant and his/her family member(s) must comply with the existing policies and criteria for applying PRH of HA (including but not limited to number of family members, income and asset limit), and must not own directly or indirectly in any manner any domestic property in Hong Kong (including subsidised sale flats) at any time from the date of application for HA's PRH up to the commencement of the Monthly Licence issued under the Scheme and during the subsistence of the Monthly Licence.

Computer balloting will be conducted in late-October this year to determine the priority numbers of applicants. Based on the applicants' priority numbers and family size, invitations will be sent to the applicants for vetting and flat allocation procedures.

Upon acceptance of the flat assigned, applicants will be required to sign the Monthly Licence. The first batch of licensees is expected to move in by the fourth quarter this year. All applicants will only be offered one single chance of flat allocation. If the applicant refuses the offer, or fails to attend the flat allocation procedures, the application will be cancelled.

During the application period, the Application Form and Application Guide can be obtained at the following locations and online platform:

- HKHS Applications Section (G/F, Dragon Centre, 23 Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang, Hong Kong)
- 2) HKHS Estate Offices
- HKHS dedicated webpage (www.hkhs.com/en/application/t-home#transitional\_rental)
- 4) Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department

Submissions can be made online, by post or by hand. Enquiries can be made via the HKHS Transitional Rental Housing Scheme Hotline 8103-0330.

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Ming Wah Dai Ha will provide about 200 "T-Home" units and the application period will start from 23 September 2021.