



**HONG KONG  
HOUSING SOCIETY**  
香港房屋協會

## **Press Statement**

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### **Housing Society Renders Full Support to the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme**

The Hong Kong Housing Society (Housing Society) welcomes the introduction of the Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2010 for the implementation of the proposed Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) by the Government. The Housing Society will provide necessary assistance to the building owners to comply with the statutory requirements of the two schemes.

To support the implementation of the MBIS, the Housing Society will subsidize eligible owners on the cost of the first building inspection, basing on the operating criteria of the Building Management and Maintenance Scheme (BMMS). Owners' corporations may seek assistance from the Housing Society for financial and technical assistance when they receive notice for mandatory inspection from the Buildings Department.

With regard to the MWIS, the Housing Society will assist eligible owners in need to carry out necessary inspection and rectification works through the BMMS and the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners.

At the same time, the Housing Society is working closely with the Buildings Department and related professional bodies on the Voluntary Building Classification Scheme (VBCS) intended to be launched about six months prior to the implementation of MBIS and MWIS.

The Housing Society Chairman Mr Yeung Ka-sing said, “VBCS provides the incentive for owners to take the initiative to properly maintain their buildings and improve their living environment. Buildings accredited with good ratings under the VBCS would be exempt from the mandatory building inspection.” The Housing Society is currently working out the scheme details with the Buildings Department to be announced later.

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