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Hong Kong Housing Society Celebrates 65th Anniversary

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region CY Leung was present to officiate the cocktail reception of the 65th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) today (30 October). It was attended by some 400 guests, including Secretary for Development Paul Chan, Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung, Members of the Legislative Council, District Council and representatives from various organisations.

In his address, Chief Executive CY Leung said, “The Housing Society has played the role of a ‘housing laboratory’ in trying out various new housing initiatives to meet the housing needs of niche markets, fully manifesting flexibility and innovation in their services. Besides, the Housing Society has continuously enhanced the quality of property management, actively promoted city revitalisation and assisted owners to maintain their properties. They have contributed significantly to the improvement of the living environment of the people.”

Moreover, HKHS Chairman Marco Wu also iterated that the Housing Society had been innovative and flexible in providing suitable and affordable housing to meet the needs of the people of Hong Kong at different times over the past 65 years. The work of the Housing Society has been supported by Government and recognised by the community.

At the cocktail reception, the Housing Society presented a short video specially produced for the occasion. The video featured interviews with different members of the community, including tenants of the rental estates, owners of old buildings, former HKHS Chairmen, as well as Government officials and legislative councilors who expressed their views about the work of the Housing Society. Notably, an interview was conducted in London, United Kingdom, with Michael Wright, a former member of the Housing Society now aged 100 who talked about the work of the Housing Society in the early years.

Apart from the cocktail reception, the Housing Society also staged an International Conference at the HKCEC on the same day. Housing experts and scholars from all over the world including the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, the Mainland and Hong Kong, were invited to shed their insights into the topic of housing in an ageing community with over 400 participants. The conference has provided an exchange platform for the participants to share their views and experiences.

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The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region CY Leung, HKHS Chairman Marco Wu, HKHS Former Chairmen, HKHS Members and guests toasting at the 65th Anniversary Cocktail Reception