

**LegCo Members meeting with
Central & Western District Council members
on 31 January 2002**

Issues raised by members of Central & Western District Council (C&WDC) at the meeting

- (a) According to C&WDC members, the Administration had not implemented the concept of sustainable development in the C&WDC, nor had it considered the redevelopment of the old areas and rehousing of the residents. They requested the Administration to expedite the implementation of urban renewal so that the old areas in the C&WDC could be redeveloped soon.
- (b) C&WDC members were pleased to note that the Administration had issued a paper entitled “People First” - A Caring Approach to Urban Renewal: Urban Renewal Strategy” in November 2001, which prescribed heritage preservation as part of urban renewal. They urged the Administration to put such direction into practice. They requested the Administration to pay attention to the preservation of antiquities and monuments in the C&WDC, and to declare certain places as monuments as soon as possible in order to open up more tourist attractions. For instance, the Administration should consider developing the Pinewood Battery into a tourist attraction.
- (c) C&WDC members were of the view that the Administration should plan for comprehensive transport facilities, construct more link roads and widen the roads to facilitate the parking of coaches, so as to attract tourists to visit these places.
- (d) C&WDC members noted that the Administration had decided that the Central Market would not be re-developed. They were concerned that a reduction in the number of markets might lead to the monopolization by supermarkets.