

**LegCo Members' meeting with
Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) members
on 23 January 2003**

Issues raised by members of TWDC at the meeting

TWDC members said that being one of the first developed satellite towns in Hong Kong, most of the development in Tsuen Wan town centre could no longer meet the present day requirements in terms of planning as well as building and fire safety. They requested that the old areas in Tsuen Wan should be redeveloped to improve the living environment.

Views expressed by LegCo Members at the meeting

- (a) LegCo Members noted that apart from redevelopment project at Seven Streets, there were no redevelopment plans for other old areas in Tsuen Wan. Given their convenient locations and low rentals, they agreed that the old areas in Tsuen Wan would likely attract low-income families, including those which had registered on the Waiting List for PRH and pending flat allocation within the three-year waiting period, to move in despite the poor living conditions in exchange for cheaper rentals and transport. There was thus a need to improve the planning of these areas and their living environment as a whole.
- (b) LegCo Members agreed to draw the attention of the Urban Renewal Authority to the need to redevelop the old areas in Tsuen Wan and to refer the matter to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works for follow up.