

**LegCo Members' meeting with
Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Members
on 28 November 2002**

(a) Concerns/suggestions raised by TMDC members at the meeting–

- (i) During the discussion of issues relating to the construction of Route 10 and Deep Bay Link (DBL), TMDC members expressed concern about the existing compensation policies for persons affected by land resumption in connection with the construction of these projects. They said that under the existing Government policy, occupiers of temporary domestic structures at Lam Tei affected by the DBL project would have no legal claim to compensation on clearance of their structures. Such arrangement often led to strong opposition from communities affected by clearance. They considered that the existing compensation policies for persons affected by land resumption unreasonable and outdated and urged the Administration to review these policies.
- (ii) TMDC members also considered that at present compensation regarding farmland roofs affected by demolition activities only covered those registered during the Squatter Structure Survey in 1982. Affected farmland roofs that were set up thereafter would not be compensated. They considered such policy unreasonable, particularly in relation to pigeon farms, as the operation of many of these farms had been expanded since 1982.

(b) Views expressed and information provided by LegCo Members at the meeting–

LegCo Members attended the meeting shared TMDC members' view that the existing land compensation policies as well as the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme should be reviewed. Members agreed that the views of TMDC on the compensation policies should be referred to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works for follow-up action.