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## Panel on Development

Issues related to the redevelopment of civil servants' quarters developed under the Civil Servants Co-operative Building Society (CBS) Scheme

## Written Submission by Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for providing the HKIP with an update on issues related to the CBS Scheme. The views/comments from the HKIP on the redevelopment of CBS buildings are as follows:

- 1. With a view to speeding up urban renewal and boosting flat supply to alleviate the acute land shortage problem, HKIP supports in principle the proposal to facilitate CBS building redevelopment by reviewing and enhancing the current land administration system/mechanism for this type of use.
- 2. In order to facilitate future CBS building redevelopment, it is important that the administrative processes, including the assessment of land premium and other related issues, should be conducted in a fair, open, equitable and flexible manner.

3. The redevelopment proposal of the CBS buildings has to be compatible with its surrounding environment in terms of scale and built form as well as not overtaxing the infrastructure and community facilities. To achieve these planning objectives, it is advisable for the authority to prepare planning briefs to guide this kind of redevelopment projects.

Regards,



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