

**Information on the opinion surveys to be conducted by
the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority**

The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA) plans to conduct two public opinion surveys, one in September/October 2000, and another one in the following year.

2. The purpose of the surveys is mainly to gauge the level of the public's knowledge about the MPF System and their attitude towards this new regime of retirement protection in Hong Kong.

3. The MPFA will commission an independent market survey company to conduct both surveys by telephone interviews. It is planned that each of the surveys will cover a random sample of 1,000 respondents aged between 18 and 65 from all walks of life. Amongst the sample will be employers and employees of small and medium-sized enterprises as well as self-employed persons.

4. The surveys are basically intended as a tool for the MPFA to obtain market data to assist its planning of public education and publicity programmes. We do not plan to make public the survey results before the completion of the series of surveys as they may impact on the responses to be collected later.