

**LegCo Members meeting with
Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) members on 3 May 2001**

Response of the LegCo Members at the meeting

- (a) A Member said that the Administration's existing policies on issues such as land resumption, squatters and rooftop shelters should be changed as they often led to strong opposition from the community. In this regard, LegCo would continue to follow up these issues with the Housing Bureau and the Housing Authority (HA) and would seek to change the existing policies to tie in with the timetable of land resumption in the various districts.
- (b) A Member pointed out that currently, 1 000 PRH units were allocated by HA each year for rehousing individuals affected by urban redevelopment. Of the applicants of these units, 20% were not required to undergo asset tests for the allocation of PRH units. The Member opined that HA might consider expanding the plan to those affected by rural redevelopment. As for compensation, he considered that the basis and criteria for compensation for those affected by rural redevelopment should be consistent with the provisions in the relevant land resumption legislation passed by LegCo. Another Member said that in resuming agriculture land, factories or shops, the Administration should provide similar compensation.
- (c) A Member said that it was inadequate and outdated for the Administration to resume land for development in the New Territories by invoking the Lands Resumption Ordinance. As the Ordinance only empowered the Administration to resume land for "public purposes", he queried whether the Administration had the power to resume land and whether it was legitimate to invoke the Ordinance to resume land for "non-public purposes", e.g. for constructing Home Ownership Scheme flats. Another Member expressed concern that adopting different planning standards and administrative arrangements in land resumption had given rise to unfairness.
- (d) A Member was concerned about the Administration's power to resume land. He agreed that a case conference to discuss land resumption at the Union Garden should be held to follow up the matter, and that the views of TMDC members should also be conveyed to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works.