

**Administration's response to concerns raised
by Sha Tin District Council members
on provision of community halls/community centres**

The Administration's response provided on 6 October 2008

Currently, Sha Tin District has the largest number of community halls (CHs)/community centres (CC) among the 18 districts (with a total of 12 CCs/CHs) and active planning is underway on the provision of a new CH in the Sports Centre cum Public Library in Area 14B, Sha Tin. The planning of CH is stipulated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines according to which CH will be planned and provided on a need basis taking account of a number of factors including population size, area characteristics, and community aspirations. Also, with a view to optimizing the utilization of government site, CH should be developed as joint-user project instead of a stand-alone development. The Home Affairs Department will continue to actively pursue the planning of CH in conjunction with departments concerned to identify and take forward justifiable CH proposals.