

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Policy on Industrial Buildings

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 6 June 2020**

I. Operating space for the arts and cultural sectors, creative industries, and innovation and technology sectors in industrial buildings

The Administration is requested to provide written response to the questions raised by members on the following issues:

- (a) the number of applications submitted by owners in relation to partial conversion of industrial buildings ("IBs") for IB tenants, such as arts, cultural, recreational and sports sectors, and the number of applications approved;
- (b) statistics on institutions/companies from various trades operated in IBs, the use of which were subject to restrictions in the context of land leases; and
- (c) the forecast of supply of revitalized IBs and wholesale converted IBs.

II. Receiving public views on policy issues related to industrial buildings

The Administration is requested to provide a written response to:

- (a) the major views and concerns expressed by depositions at the meeting (including those issues addressed during the meeting in the Administration's verbal response);
- (b) a member's concerns about the latest progress of the study conducted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") regarding the feasibility of redeveloping its six flatted factory estates for public housing use, including (i) the estimated numbers of public rental housing units that might be provided upon redevelopment of the various flatted factory estates; (ii) what incentives were available or what measures the Administration would take to encourage or assist the affected tenants in vacating the premises; (iii) whether the Administration would in parallel take into account the implications arising from redevelopment of HA's factory

estates, such as the traffic and transport impact on the district, the environmental impact and the provision of social welfare facilities; and (iv) whether the Administration would consult the relevant stakeholders including the District Councils as appropriate;

- (c) a member's concern about the quality of drinking water in IBs, including how the Administration would safeguard the quality of drinking water in IBs; and
- (d) elaborate the Administration's measures to facilitate the market to accommodate non-industrial uses in existing IBs, including:
 - (i) whether the Administration would consider relaxing non-industrial uses in IBs and permitting the operation of trades that are subject to the regulation by the Government or statutory bodies or specific trades, operating on a membership basis;
 - (ii) whether and how the Home Affairs Bureau would take the initiative to explore strategies to optimize the use of IBs in the territory, including HA's flatted factory estates and IBs owned by private owners, with a view to addressing the current demand for space from relevant sectors, such as arts, culture and sports sectors, creative industries;
 - (iii) the utilization of Shek Kip Mei Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre, including whether some floors of the centre had been occupied for storage purpose;
 - (iv) how the Administration would assist the affected tenants in applying for the "Relocation Allowance for Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings Who Have to Move out as a Result of the Buildings Department's Enforcement Action" under the Community Care Fund, and the reasons for rejecting such applications, if any; and
 - (v) the Administration's policy to rehouse residents who were rendered homeless due to Government actions and needed temporary accommodation.