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1 Legislative Council Road  
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**(Attn.: Mr. Derek Lo – Clerk to Panel)**

Dear Mr. Lo

**LegCo Panel on Housing**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 2 December 2019**

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2019 enclosing 3 motions under agenda item on 'Rent adjustment of rental estates and rent assistance measures of the Hong Kong Housing Society' moved by Hon SHIU Ka-chun, Hon Leung Yiu-chung, Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP and Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP.

As we have explained in the Panel meeting, rent adjustment of our rental estates is mainly based on the operating costs. The rental income should be sufficient to cover the recurrent management expenses, tenancy administration costs, Rates (if inclusive in rent) and Government Rents. Besides, we shall also take into account of other factors such as inflation rate, salary index, tenants' affordability, etc.

We will surely consider the prevailing economic environment, residents' opinions as well as the motions passed in the Panel meeting when we review the rent level for 2020 – 2022 in the near future.

In addition, some valuable feedbacks on the eligibility criteria and application procedure of the Rent Assistance Scheme were received from tenants since its launch in September 2018. A review is underway and we will certainly take the opinions from LegCo members and tenants into consideration.

Should there be further queries on the above, please contact our General Manager (Property Management) Mrs. Ada Share at 2839 7626.

Yours sincerely

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