

## Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Summary

1. The second meeting of the Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units (the Task Force) was held on 28 May 2020.
2. The Task Force has appointed an administrative consultant to support and assist the Secretariat in its administrative work and to execute project management for the Task Force.
3. The Task Force reviewed the Government's past studies and surveys on subdivided units (SDU), i.e. the study on SDU conducted in 2013 under the work of the Long Term Housing Strategy, the *Thematic Household Surveys on Housing Conditions of Subdivided Units in Hong Kong* carried out by the Census and Statistics Department in 2015 and 2016, and the *Thematic Report on Persons Living in Subdivided Units* compiled under the 2016 Population By-census.
4. The Task Force expressed particular concerns in the following areas, and believed that the proposed research should cover issues in this connection:
  - (a) the background of tenants in SDU and whether they are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients;
  - (b) the ratio of the SDU rental to the tenants' aggregate household income;
  - (c) any tenancy agreements signed with the SDU tenants and whether they are stamped;
  - (d) water and electricity charges for SDU and the issue of overcharged water and electricity;
  - (e) the mobility of SDU tenants;
  - (f) the living conditions and environment of SDU in industrial buildings; and
  - (g) the developmental / production processes of SDU.

5. To the extent permitted by time and available resources, the Task Force wished to expand its study scopes as widely as possible to involve different types of inadequate housing. Decision about which type of SDU to be dealt with could be subject to separate discussion. The Task Force understood that studying SDU in industrial buildings faced considerable difficulties, and hoped that the research agent could tackle the issues and suggest on effective sampling in this regard.
  
6. In June, the Task Force would conduct field studies and visit SDU tenants in various districts. In July, the Task Force would arrange to meet concerned groups in order to listen to different stakeholders' views.