

Press Release

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Housing Society Clinches Quality Building Award 2024 and Other Accolades in Planning and Construction

The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) has recently been honoured with three local and international awards in project planning and construction, in recognition of its outstanding performance in providing quality and innovative housing, as well as its achievements in promoting green buildings and sustainable development. Among them, Blissful Place of the "Senior Citizen Residences Scheme" won the Grand Award in the Hong Kong Residential (Single Building) category at the Quality Building Award 2024.

HKHS Chief Executive Officer James Chan said, "We are very honoured and grateful for Housing Society's projects to receive the recognition from the planning and construction industry. As a 'housing laboratory', the Housing Society has been addressing the housing needs of the community through innovative housing and community planning. All the three award-winning projects place a strong emphasis on community connection and intergenerational solidarity, creating a quality living environment and harmonious community by providing housing designs suitable for people of all ages and public spaces that foster interaction. The Housing Society will continue to be people-centric and enhance our residents' sense of well-being through the actual implementation of housing projects, in the pursuit of our vision of 'creating homes for sustainable living' and to create value for our society."

The goal of achieving "ageing in place" has been exemplified in Blissful Place from its planning, design, construction through to resident services. The adoption of gerontechnology, the elderly-friendly flats, residential care home for the elderly, medical care services, and recreational facilities at the project all reflect HKHS's people-oriented core values.

Jointly organised by nine leading local professional organisations, the Quality Building Award is a biennial major industry event that recognises project teams with outstanding teamwork in the design and construction of quality buildings. The theme of the award this year is "Empowering Innovation | Sustaining Green | Generating Wellness", which recognises projects that demonstrate innovative and eco-friendly solutions for the benefit of society while committing to work holistically to serve every community to the best of its ability.

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In addition, Chung Yuet Lau of HKHS has garnered the Gold Award (Architecture - Residential - Constructed) at the Hong Kong Design Awards 2024. The award was organised by BETTER FUTURE, a global community of renowned design brands and studios, to recognise innovative designs that foster a better and sustainable future. Chung Yuet Lau marks HKHS's first venture into Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) and is the first elderly housing project built with steel MiC in Hong Kong. It aims to encourage the elderly under-occupation (UO) households to transfer to the new flats. The UO units surrendered will then be reallocated to other families in need. Such an initiative is an exemplar of sustainable practices and optimising the use of housing resources.

HKHS has also recently been honoured with the Merit Award in the "Planning" category at the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Awards 2024 for Ming Wah Dai Ha (MWDH) Redevelopment project. The project is carried out in three phases by adopting the "single site, multiple uses" and "mixed development model" approaches. There is in-situ preservation of existing building elements in the course of redevelopment to enhance the residents' sense of belonging. The project is also complemented by comprehensive living facilities suitable for people of all ages to foster an inclusive and harmonious community.

Completed in 2021, Phase I of the MWDH Redevelopment project provides 966 rental units, with one-third featuring adaptable designs. Natural lighting, ventilation, aesthetics and multiple factors were taken into full account during the design process of the two blocks. The purple and yellow palettes of the buildings create a unique "garden" community, which also assist senior residents in wayfinding.

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HKHS's Blissful Place wins the Grand Award in the Hong Kong Residential (Single Building) category at the Quality Building Award 2024.



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