

Social Housing in Hong Kong: Visions and Challenges of a New Housing Policy

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The housing cost in Hong Kong is high in these years. For many at the grassroots, housing cost has become a major structural factor leading to their poverty and deprivation in Hong Kong. As the provision of an affordable, permanent and decent housing is not sufficient to satisfy the needs of the grassroots households, the Social Housing Intermediary Platform and the Community Housing Movement (CHM) had been established to tackle this severe problem in 2017. The idea of the transitional housing, which is to make use of existing idle resources, is proposed to alleviate the immediate housing needs of the poor. The Social Housing Intermediary Platform aims to drive a tripartite transitional social housing movement, connecting interested landlords, service operators and tenants to meet the housing need of the grassroots households. It has two major functions to perform. On the one hand, it serves as a resource sharing platform where the supply of housing and related social services could be matched to the demand from the socially deprived tenants; on the other hand, it is also a capacity building platform for the service operators where a more standardized and professional work mechanism and management process can be developed and implemented. In this seminar, Mr Charles Ho will share his experiences about participating in the Social Housing Intermediary Platform and assess if the CHM model could become a sustainable way to solve the housing problems of the low income households.



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