

**Mr LEE Wing-tat's Views on the Housing Authority's
Environmental Initiatives**

(English Translation)

From 1987 to 1998, demolition wastes produced by Hong Kong's construction industry have increased from 6.8 million tonnes to 11.9 million tonnes. In 1998, the construction industry generated 32 700 tonnes of demolition wastes daily. As the Housing Authority's future housing production will on average be as high as 50 000 units per year, reaching a height of over 60 000 units and 90 000 units in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 respectively, it must make a greater effort to minimize the production of construction and demolition wastes. As stated in the Environmental Policy Statement and Initiatives, the Housing Authority's Building Committee has taken measures to strive to achieve the environmental principles in planning and design, construction and demolition. For example, it uses precast façade made up of formworks which can be reused repetitively, prefabricated components which are factory produced off-site and, as far as possible, construction materials which can be reused repetitively. I recommend that the Building Committee incorporate the existing environmental initiatives into the building contracts, take the environmental initiatives in respect of construction and demolition into consideration in awarding tenders to contractors, and work out specific measures to give awards to contractors who have good environmental performance.