

<i>Press May 11, 1996</i>	
<b>Headline :</b>	<i>Extension of EMAC to All Public Housing Estates</i>
<b>Content :</b>	<p>The following is issued on behalf of the Housing Authority:</p> <p>Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) will be established in all public rental housing estates in two years by phases to encourage tenants' participation in estate management.</p> <p>Officiating at the Extension Ceremony of EMAC today ( Saturday) the Chairman of the Housing Authority, Ms Rosanna Wong, said, ""In view of the encouraging results of the pilot scheme of EMACs in eight estates last year, the Authority has decided to extend the scheme to more than 160 estates by eight phases from April 1996 to the end of 1997. Twenty estates will join the scheme in each phase.""</p> <p>According to a survey conducted by the Housing Department among tenants of the eight estates joining the pilot scheme, more than 70 per cent of the respondents recognised the effectiveness of the scheme and over 80 per cent of them were in favour of its extension to other estates.</p> <p>Ms Rosanna Wong pointed out that EMAC provided a formal avenue for tenants to have a greater say in estate management matters, such as maintenance and improvement works programme, matters concerning cleansing, security and recreational facilities.</p> <p>Tenants will also be encouraged to provide regular feedback on the performance of services contractors in the estate in order to enhance the standard of their services.</p> <p>Each EMAC, chaired by the Estate Housing Manager, comprises members from the District Board, representatives from Mutual Aid Committees, residents' and commercial tenants' associations. They will be appointed for a term of two years.</p> <p>The Extension Ceremony of the EMAC, officiated by Ms Rosanna Wong and the Director of Housing, Mr Fung Tung, was held in Lok Fu Shopping Centre. Hundreds of EMAC members and tenants participated.</p> <p>The EMAC Scheme will be introduced in the segment jointly organized with 'Saturday Morning Suite' programme of RTHK 2 on Saturday, May 18, 1996 at 8:30 am.</p> <p>Note to Editors: A photograph taken at today's event will be boxed later at GIS.</p> <p>END/Saturday, May 11, 1996</p>