

Address by the Chief Executive

The Honourable Tung Chee Hwa

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Building on our Strengths

Investing in our Future

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Quality Living Environment

88. The Government's third task is to enhance the quality of our living environment. As a world-class city, Hong Kong must provide its people with a clean and comfortable living environment. Together, we will build a civil society in which everyone can take pride, as well as enjoy a healthy and positive lifestyle in a rich cultural environment. A quality living environment will also attract more business investment, more talents and more tourists coming here to enjoy their vacation. In the past, we have not paid enough attention to this, but in more recent years we have put in place a series of initiatives to improve the environment.

Urban Redevelopment

93. Our modern skyscrapers also hide some old urban areas still dotted with dilapidated buildings and deteriorating living conditions. People living in these areas long for improvements. The Urban Renewal Authority was set up in May this year to speed up the redevelopment of these old urban areas. But in achieving this, we plan to preserve their characteristics and cultural heritage. This will make our city look better and will increase employment opportunities.