

MAJOR EVENTS OF THE YEAR

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▶▶▶ The Yue Man Square Public Transport Interchange at Kwun Tong Town Centre has commenced operation. As the city's largest indoor public transport interchange, the state-of-the-art facilities is equipped with various smart elements such as the AI sensor-controlled boarding gate system at bus termini, and air-conditioning, providing the public with enhanced communal facilities.

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▶▶▶ The Building Drainage System Repair Subsidy Scheme has been commenced. The scheme offers financial and professional support to owners in need for implementing drainage improvement works.

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▶▶▶ The last Civil Servants' Co-operative Building Society (CBS) at the Shing Tak Street/Ma Tau Chung Road Development Project (CBS-1:KC) has successfully completed its dissolution with the help of free legal consultation services provided by the URA. More than 90 percent of the owners have accepted the URA's acquisition offers.

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▶▶▶ The Urban Renewal Information System (URIS), developed by the URA, received the 2021 Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award for its ability to consolidate data of the built environment and its exemplary performance of GIS application in the work of urban regeneration.



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▶▶▶ The revitalised Central Market celebrated its soft opening, marking a new milestone for the Grade III historic building. The Central Market has been transformed into a 'Playground for All' to connect neighbours, the old and the new generations, in addition to signifying the functions of the market.



▶▶▶ Hong Kong Olympians in Tokyo 2022 Olympic Games soaked up the adulation from the enthusiastic public as they celebrated their success at the ‘Sporting Successes, Cheer Up Hongkongers’ event at SPORTS EXPO and ‘Photography and Sculpture Exhibition’ at Yue Man Square.

▶▶▶ Two large-scale redevelopment projects in Sham Shui Po, namely Kim Shin Lane/Fuk Wa Street Development Project, and Cheung Wah Street/Cheung Sha Wan Road Development Scheme, were commenced. With a ‘planning-led’ urban renewal model and the utilisation of URIS, the redevelopment potential is further unleashed through restructuring and replanning of the lands, bringing greater planning and social benefits to the community.



▶▶▶ Following the Chief Executive’s endorsement of URA’s district-based approach and recommendations in Yau Mong District Study in 2021 Policy Address, the URA started to adopt the newly proposed planning tools in appropriate projects, and take on new tasks of commencing district studies for the old districts of Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po.



▶▶▶ Celebrating its 20th anniversary of establishment, the URA held the commemorative event at its revitalised Central Market with over 100 guests attending.



▶▶▶ The city’s first interactive neon wishing tree brought pizzazz to M7, the rechristened 7 Mallory Street. The 4.5-metres tall tree embodies the story of Wan Chai through interactive audio and visual effects, bringing a new and immersive experience to the visitors.

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▶▶▶ The URA completed the retrofitting works to support rehabilitation initiatives, and has turned the nearly 60-year-old derelict Wing Hong Factory Building at Yu Chau West Street in Cheung Sha Wan into a modernised structure. The building was upgraded through retrofitting of facilities to meet the modern standard, thus improving safety and prolonging the building serviceability. It is the URA's first factory building to be retrofitted, rehabilitated and revitalised for reuse.



▶▶▶ In response to the fifth wave of the COVID-19 outbreak, the URA collaborated with Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to distribute anti-epidemic kits to the residents living in the URA rehousing blocks and its acquired properties, so as to minimise their risk of contracting the virus in public spaces. The URA also offered free accommodation at its 56 emergency vacant units to residential tenants or URA staff and their household members who are close contacts of confirmed cases to relieve the pressure on the Government's isolation facilities.



▶▶▶ The URA awarded joint development contract to Centenary Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CK Asset Holdings Limited, for the combined development of four projects in To Kwa Wan, namely Kai Ming Street Project (DL-8), Hung Fook Street/Kai Ming Street Project (KC-011), Kai Ming Street/Wing Kwong Street Project (KC-013) and Wing Kwong Street Project (KC-012), which occupy a total site area of 6,195 square metres providing a total maximum gross floor area of 48,942 square metres upon completion.



▶▶▶ In view of the economic impact brought by the ongoing pandemic, the URA continued to extend the special rent relief measures for its domestic and commercial tenants covering the period until September 2022 to assist over 800 tenants with more targeted efforts and greater magnitude.

▶▶▶ The Government appointed four new non-official non-executive directors, namely Mr Chan Ka-kui, Ir Janice Lai Wai-man, Mrs Sylvia Lam Yu Ka-wai and Ms Yvonne Yeung Kin-ha, while re-appointing nine non-executive directors (non-official) of the URA Board, for a term of three years with effect from 1 May 2022.



▶▶▶ The URA has commenced the Nga Tsin Wai Road/ Carpenter Road Development Scheme (KC-017) in Kowloon City. An integrated approach will be trialled to implement KC-017 and its adjacent development project by consolidating the planning of the two projects, and integrating the urban renewal work of redevelopment, rehabilitation, preservation and revitalisation, in a bid to realise the overall planning visions of creating a liveable, vibrant district as a whole, while integrating the old and new cityscapes.



▶▶▶ A miniature exhibition entitled 'An Art Journey into the Past and Present Urban Reinvention · Advance Beyond 25' was held at Central Market, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The exhibition is the first to showcase the miniature of the city development as part of the celebratory events, depicting the local characteristics and the urban landscapes of 18 districts through the 100 miniature models.