



**Legislative Council Panel on Housing
Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance and
Measures to Assist Low-income Persons in Meeting their Housing Needs**

**Meeting on
Monday, 1 February 2010, from 2:40 pm – 4:25 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present to members of the Legislative Council Panel on Housing the views of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (“HKIS”) in respect of the captioned matters vide the paper No. CB(1) 543/09-10(03) dated November 2009 prepared by the Transport and Housing Bureau.

2. HKIS’s Views

HKIS in principle supports the following view points and measures raised by the Hong Kong SAR Government:-

- Re-introduction of rent control or security of tenure is not an effective and direct means to tackle the housing needs of low-income persons and families.
- To provide assistance to low-income persons, concerted efforts of the Government have to be made in different policy areas so that appropriate assistance in terms of housing, social welfare, community support services, etc. can be rendered.
- Existing measures to low-income persons and elderly people in need like the provision of public rental housing by Housing Department, the enforcement of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance by the Home Affairs Department, the welfare support services offered by the Social Welfare Department and etc are well recognized and should be maintained.