

Public Housing Construction – Innovation and Quality

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Introduction

- The **Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)** was established in 1973 under the Housing Ordinance.
- The HA plans, builds, manages and maintains different types of public housing.

Our Vision

To provide **affordable** rental housing to low-income families with housing needs, and to help low to middle-income families gain access to subsidised home ownership.

Our Mission

- To provide **affordable quality** housing, management, maintenance and other housing related services to meet the needs of our customers in a proactive and caring manner.
- To provide an **age-friendly** and **barrier-free** estate environment to address the needs of residents of different ages and physical ability.
- To ensure **cost-effective** and **rational** use of public resources in service delivery and allocation of housing assistance in an open and equitable manner.
- To maintain a competent, dedicated and performance-oriented TEAM.

Introduction

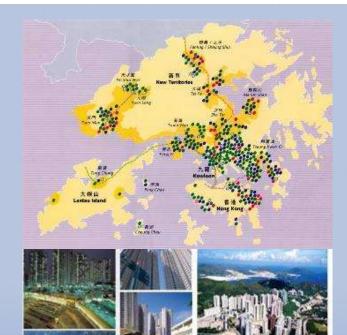
Hong Kong Housing Authority's portfolio :

A stock of around 819,000 PRH flats*

Production estimate of about 360,000 new flats in the coming 10 years

We need to build Smarter!

* Remarks : As at end September 2022

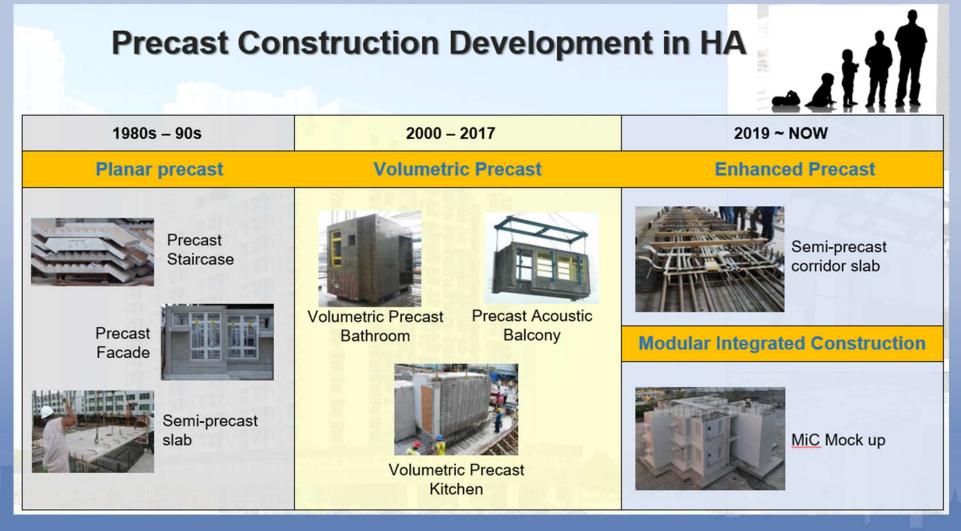






Precast Construction in HA

Precast Concrete Components (PCCs) in HA



Volumetric Precast Concrete Components (**V**PCCs) (with Finishes and BS Components starting *from 2000 onwards*)



Volumetric Precast Bathroom (VPB)



Volumetric Precast Kitchen (VPK)



Volumetric Acoustic Balcony



Lift Shaft



Staircase shaft



Water Tank

Enhanced Precast Concrete Components (EPCCs) (from 2019 onwards)

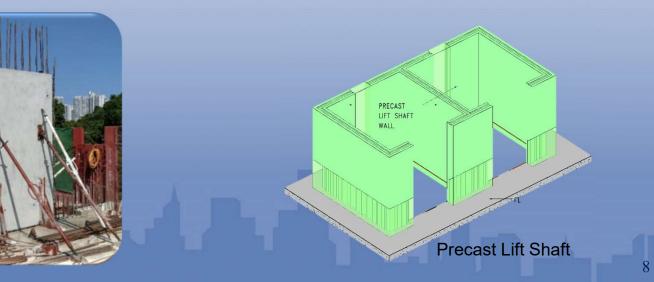


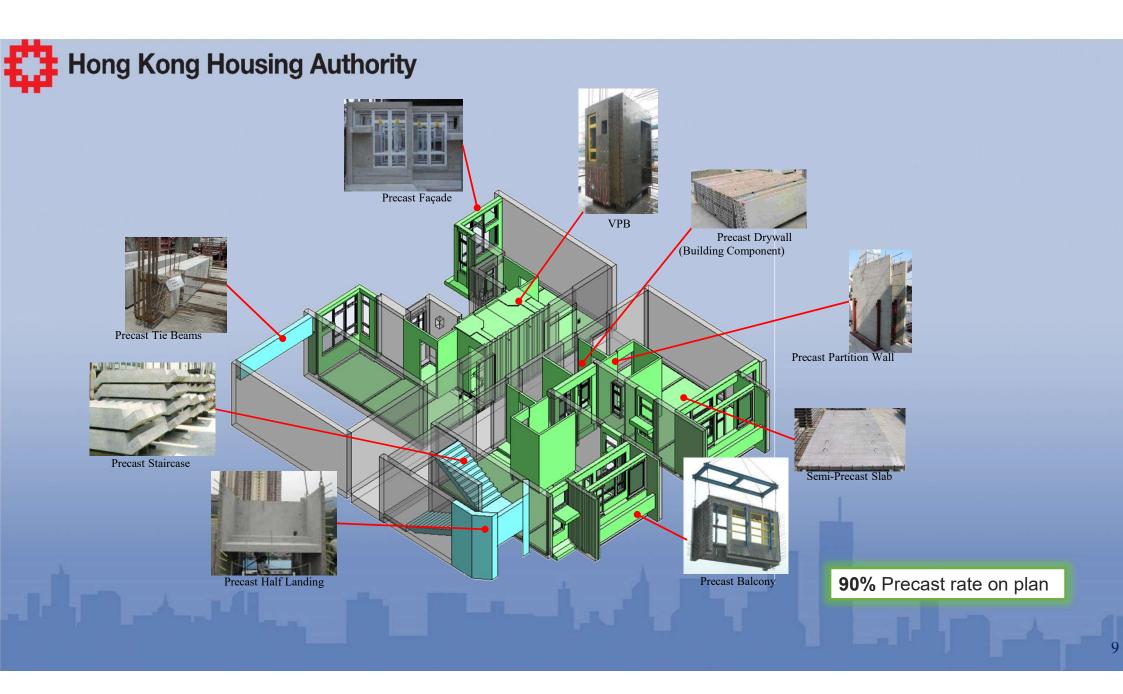
Enhanced Semi-precast Corridor Slab

Precast Structural Wall

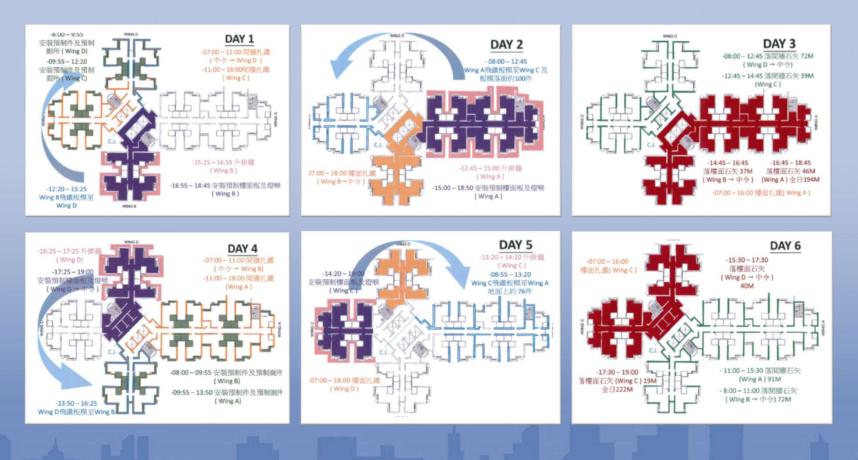


Enhanced Semi-precast Slab





6-day Construction Cycle using Precast Concrete Construction



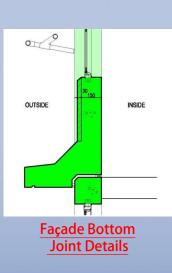
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Advantages of Prefabrication

- a) Improve Quality: Fair face off-form finishes with paint to exterior and tiles/paint to interior.
- b) Environmental Friendliness: Reduce use of Timber Formwork
- c) Safety: Reduce Wet Trades & Labour forces and Working at Height

Water Tightness (Joint between Precast Façade & Building)

- "Pre-fixing Method" to improve quality of construction
- PCF to be installed prior to the casting of supporting shear walls
- PCF joins effectively with structural wall by embedding starter bars in in-situ concrete
- ✓ Better in waterproofing



PCF embedded in insitu wall



Use of Environmentally Friendly Materials

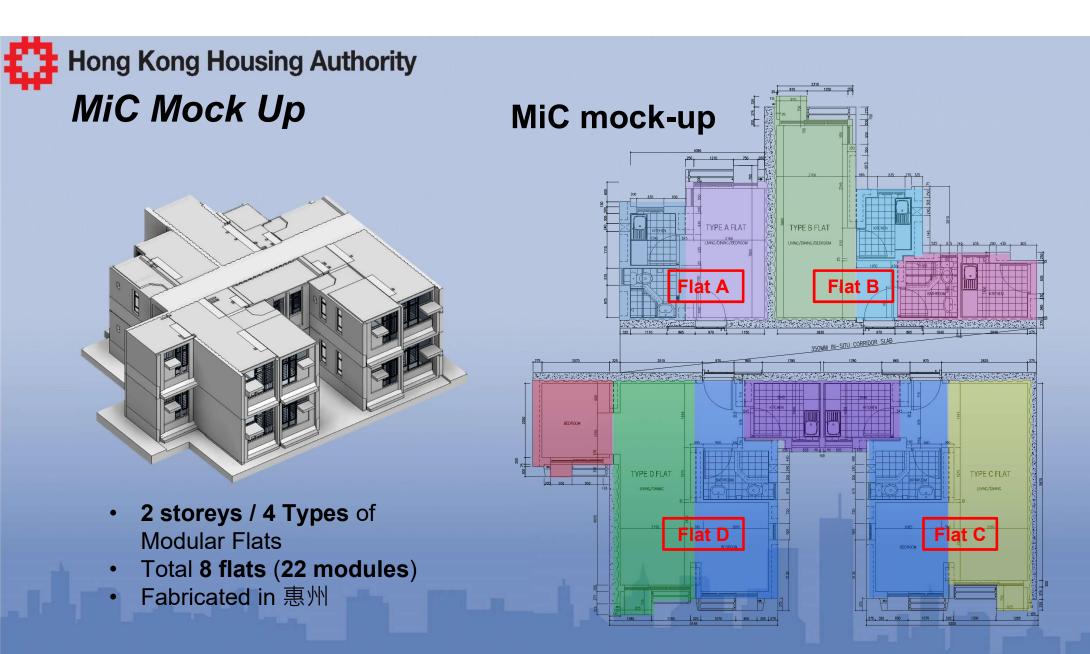
- Cement production alone account for 8% of global CO₂ emissions.
- To reduce the CO₂ emission by using less cement in concrete in support to meet government's 2050 carbon neutrality target, HA had required in the specification for the use of environmentally friendly construction materials:
 - ✓ 35% use of Ground Granulated Blastfurnace Slag (GGBS) is mandated for precast façade, staircase, refuse chute, partition wall and concrete panel
 - ✓ 35% use of Pulverised Fuel Ash (PFA) is mandated for all foundation works (e.g. piles, tie beams, footings), and 25% use of PFA for other in-situ concrete elements
 - We had embarked on a study to ascertain the viability of extending the use of GGBS to foundation elements

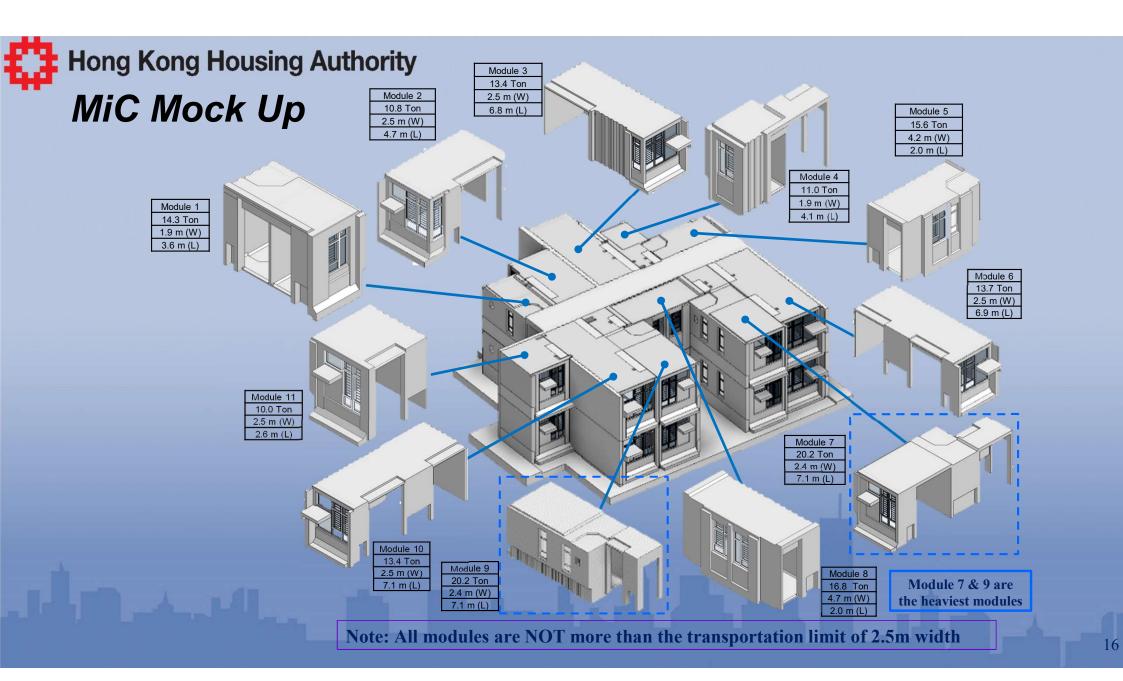






Modular Integrated Construction (MiC)





Hong Kong Housing Authority MiC Mock Up

- Commencement -9 / 2020 Completion -12 / 2020
- Assessment of
 - buildability
 - workmanship
 - quality control
 - > joint integrity



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Completed in Dec 2020

1st Batch HA MiC Projects

(1) Tung Chung Area 99

- One MiC block of 12 storeys
- To demonstrate the productivity, costeffectiveness of MiC



(2) Anderson Road Quarry Site R2-6 & R2-7

- Three MiC blocks
 - Two blocks at R2-6
 - One block at R2-7
- Good benchmark for cost and time comparison with other nearby similar scale non-MiC projects



(3) Tak Tin Street, Lam Tin

- One MiC block of 33 storeys
- To demonstrate the logistic arrangement in very congested area with busy traffic







2022 Policy Address –

<u>1st five-year period (2023/24 - 2027/28)</u>

 All projects adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA), with the adoption of the MiC approach in suitable projects.

2nd five-year period (2028/29 - 2032/33)

 No less than 50% of the projects will adopt the MiC approach

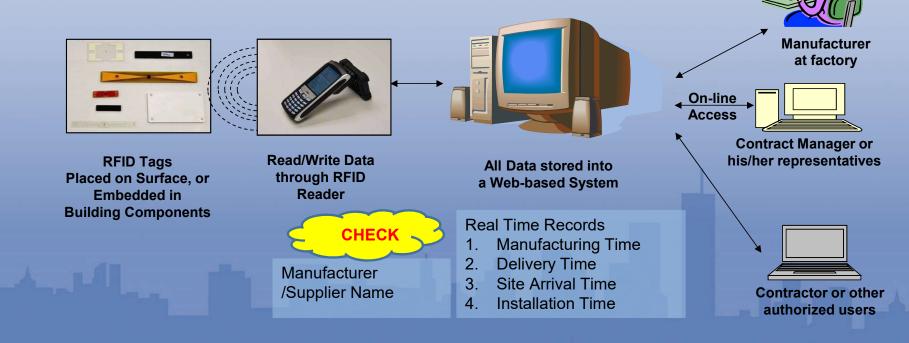




Smart Quality Control System

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

- RFID technology consists of a reader and a tag. RFID tag has a built-in antenna and a chip. The reader is used to transmit radio frequency energy, which stimulates the chip operation through the antenna to read data.
- Through a web-based system, Contract Managers, contractors, and manufacturers can access on-line to view logistics information, from factory production, delivery to installation on site, for traceability and authenticity of the building products.



Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

RFID Application in building components:

- Precast Façade/ Precast Balcony Units
- Aluminium Window
- Timber Door
- Metal Gateset
- Volumetric Precast Bathroom (VPB)
- Volumetric Precast Kitchen (VPK)
- Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Unit

Benefits

- Unique Identification
- Improve Traceability
- Enhance Data Management
- Real time Monitoring
- Minimize human errors
- Streamline the Work Flow



Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

(1) Initialization



(2) Registration



(3) Record off-site time





(4) Measurements



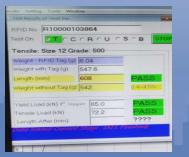
(5) **Test**







(6) Results upload to RFID system automatically

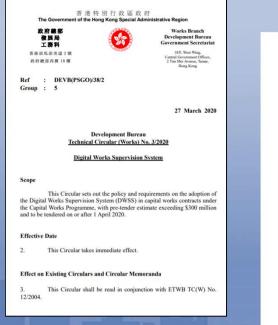


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Digital Works Supervision System (DWSS) For DEVB Works

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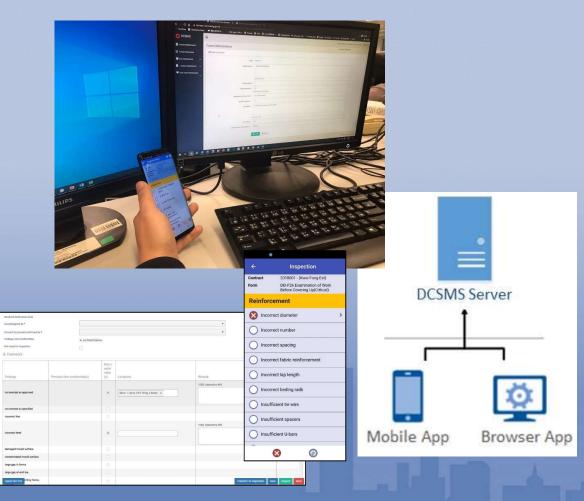


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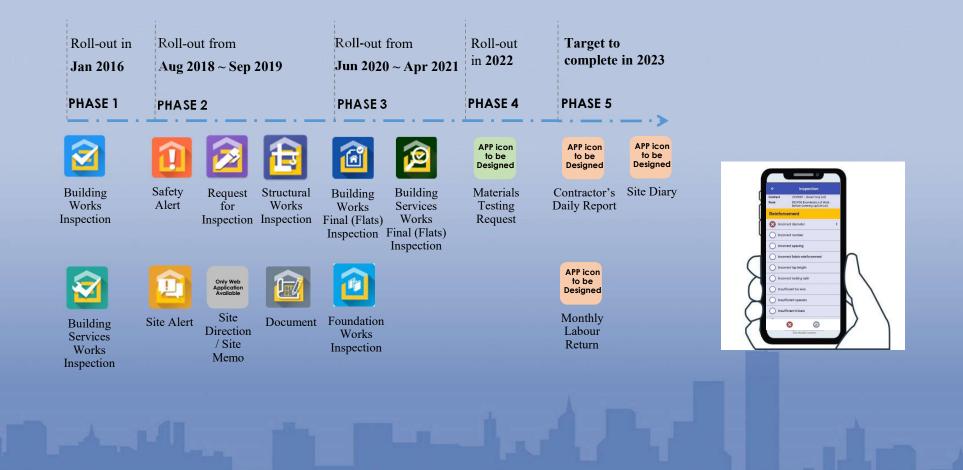
DCSMS – Why we go our own way?

- Tailor-made to Public Housing Construction Process and Housing Authority Inspection Procedures
- Can be Customized to Integrate with In-house and External Applications
- System and Forms can be Readily Updated by In-house Professional and IT Staff
- All Data Saved on our Secured Servers
- Unified Format of Data Storage to facilitate
 Data Exchange with BIM Models
- Can be Expanded to Cover Further Aspects



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DCSMS – Development Timeline



Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA) for Inspecting the Building Envelope

- Current common use of SUA for non-construction application
- More accurate, safe, efficient and productive for inspection



Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA) for Inspecting the Building Envelope

- Approved by Civil Aviation Department (CAD)
- Scan building external condition in a safe distance with high resolution data acquisition; and
- Apply Artificial Intelligence to detect defects with locations shown on the BIM/GIS model.







Thank You