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World Habitat Day – Monday 3 October

There are so many special days throughout the year it can be hard to keep up with them all, so why do we think 3rd October 2022 is a special day and why do we want you to care?

The United Nations established the first World Habitat Day in 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya, with the theme 'Shelter is my right'. Every year on the first Monday of October, this day is marked around the world to examine the problems of rapid urbanisation and its impact on the environment and human poverty. With 1.6 billion people still living in sub-standard housing, how can any of us choose not to care?

To observe World Habitat Day, places you firmly at the frontline of sharing the message that we are all responsible for shaping how our cities and towns look in the future and making sure that they are inclusive of everyone.

This year, the World Habitat Day theme is 'Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind' and at Habitat Hong Kong, we want to help you be part of this important global movement to recognise the need for decent and affordable housing for everyone, wherever you are. All you need to do is sign up to join our free Housing Series event as our way of celebrating people coming together around the world to make sure no-one is left behind.

- The day is Monday, October 3rd
- The time is 1pm-2pm HKT • The topic is Leave No One Behind: Addressing growing inequalities in housing
- Our guest speakers for this event will be Mr Ricky Chu Man-Kin, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and Susan K. Araka, officer from the UN Habitat regional office for Africa. This conversation will be moderated by Karen Lee, Project Manager I (Spatial), Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation.

Sign up now to show your support for World Habitat Day. Show the world that you care. Join the conversation. Share your support on social media. #HabitatHK and #Habitathousingseries

This event is the third in our series and we were honoured to have Dr. Mee Kam Ng and Johann Baar join us for our second Housing Series webinar in August, where they explored why affordable housing is key to realising the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A huge thank you again to our guest speakers for sharing their experience and expertise and to Olivia Wong, our Board Director, for moderating this inspiring and meaningful conversation. If you missed the webinar, you can watch the discussion on our YouTube channel now.

Thank you!

Jo Hayes CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong



Reserve your tickets



13 volunteers from Hilti Asia joined our Project Home Works programme a few weeks ago and helped to renovate two homes, one for Grandma Chan and one for Grandpa Choi. Even though it was a very hot day, all the volunteers were eager and excited to start renovation right away.

One of the volunteers, Jiwon Hwang, who renovated Grandma Chan's home, shared her experience, "It was a lot harder than expected. When I volunteered, I thought it was just a simple experience, but it was a real experience as a whole. I could not imagine finishing all the work I had to finish today, but I felt very satisfied with our work today and I am happy and glad that Grandma Chan is happy with it as well!"

Even though she felt very tired at the end of the day, she volunteered to go and visit Grandpa Choi's home to see if the other group needed extra help! We are so happy to see that she enjoyed her volunteer experience. A massive thank you to Hilti Asia's amazing volunteers for their hard work. Every volunteer can make a difference and help us to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Our local impact

We recently visited Shek Lei Estate to improve the living conditions for an elderly couple. Grandma Choi lives with her husband. She has limited mobility and her husband has suffered from cataracts for years, making it difficult for them to do basic cleaning regularly and safely.

On the service day, we helped them to do a thorough deep clean of their home, including removing dust and mould in the kitchen and toilet, and tidying up. They are happy and thankful to Habitat's support.

"Not only do I feel thankful for all your work to help to clean and tidy up my home, but also feel the love and care from you when I have the chance to talk and share with you, I feel proud of our young people who are committed to help the elderly in the community." Grandma Choi shared.

Sign up to become a volunteer now!



In Conversation with Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's **Analytics** Mark Zandi Chief Economist, Moody's Analytics

Jonathan Reckford CEO, Habitat for Humanity International Our global impact

Housing prices play an integral role in inflation and the overall health of our economy. On August 10, Habitat for Humanity International hosted +You: In Conversation with Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics. In this one-on-one discussion, Habitat's CEO, Jonathan Reckford and Zandi explored the current economic landscape, its impact on affordable homeownership today and the outlook for the months ahead. This conversation is part of Habitat for Humanity's ongoing +You series bringing together experts from across the U.S. and around the world to discuss how housing intersects and interacts with other areas of societal concern including public health, racial equity, faith and the economy.

Watch the discussion

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Together, we build a better future

<u>Techtronic Industries Hong Kong</u> has joined our new Corporate Membership Programme!

We recently launched our pilot Corporate Membership Programme and are excited to announce that Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd. (TTI) has now joined! The programme is designed to provide a platform for companies to have strategic and sustained social impact in the community. Emmanuelle Prono, Group Vice President Sustainability, said "We are so excited to be a founding member of this new social impact programme. At TTI, sustainability is a core value in all aspects of our business. We are committed to improving home living around the world, and we look forward to collaborating with other industry leaders to empower the people of the community".

To find out more and become a member of our Corporate Membership Programme, please email partnerships@habitat.org.hk

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Housing in the news

In Hong Kong

- Henderson Land targets bigger role in tackling Hong Kong's housing problem (<u>The Standard</u>) • Hong Kong to explore 'all options' on land supply, including use of green belts, John Lee says as
- environment chief points to development balance (South China Morning Post) Hong Kong developers sweeten financing terms for luxury homes after deals tumble in July (South)
- **China Morning Post**) Hong Kong Marks Its Return: Data: Public housing accounts for 45% of households in Q1 (CGTN) Express Flat Allocation Scheme 2022 opens Tuesday, offers 2,000 flats (The Standard)

In Asia

- Why Bamboo is the Future of Asian Construction (Arch Daily)
- Where would I go?': Seoul's underground dwellers see few options (Asia News Network)

Around the world

• A lot of kids in West Philly suffer from asthma. CHOP is stepping in to help (The Philadelphia Citizen) City looks to tackle homelessness with 'innovative' housing hub (Windsor Star)

How you can support



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Please help us to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Monthly donations help us to be a sustainable organisation and enable us to plan ahead. Become a #HopeBuilder and give families hope for a brighter future.



Become a volunteer Habitat Hong Kong provides free home cleaning, repair, and

renovation services for elderly and low-income families, to provide a healthy, safe and sanitary home. You can join us to provide these families with a decent place to live, sign up to become a volunteer now!



Yes I want to lend a hand!

At Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong,

we believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live. We have been serving the community, providing home repairs, renovations, and deep cleaning services to low-income families, elderly and people with disabilities We hope you can support us by donating and fundraising for us. Fundraising for us means you are making an impact on vulnerable families living in substandard housing. You are helping to ensure we have the resources we need to run our programmes in Hong Kong. Get started with your own fundraiser now!

