

## ANNEX – Background of Sample Household Survey

Launched in 1968, the SHS is a five-yearly island-wide survey on residents living in HDB flats. The objectives of the SHS are to:

- Obtain demographic & socio-economic profile of residents living in HDB flats;
- Identify changing needs and expectations;
- Monitor satisfaction with living environment; and
- Identify areas for improvement.

2 The SHS tracks the trends on key demographic and socio-economic indicators of residents living in HDB flats, their social well-being, and their satisfaction with the living environment, and aids HDB in identifying areas for improvement. Over the decades, the focus of the survey has evolved in tandem with the developments unique to each decade. While early editions of the survey focused on issues such as resettlement and residents' adaptation to high-rise living in the 1960s and 1970s, the focus shifted to residents' satisfaction with their living environment in the 1980s and 1990s as high-rise living gained wider acceptance. In the 2000's, themes on community and liveability gained prominence, as the design of public housing became more community-centric.

