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Excerpt


CPF allows members to use savings for private homes

# Liberal terms for buying houses

## UP TO 90pc OF CPF SAVINGS

THE GOVERNMENT has handed Central Provident Fund (CPF) members a very liberal package of guidelines to the scheme permitting them to use their CPF savings to buy private housing.

Surpassing even the most optimistic expectations, the scheme will allow CPF members to use up to 90 per cent of their savings and their monthly contributions to buy one private residential property – regardless of whether they already own commercial or other residential property or whether they intend to live in the new property or offer it for rental.

Furthermore, members of a family may jointly purchase a property using their CPF savings, and properties bought under the scheme may be sold and the capital gains retained after returning the sum of CPF savings withdrawn plus interest.

Announcing these details in Parliament yesterday, Mr Sia Kah Hui, the acting Labour Minister, said the scheme is intended "to help CPF members, who are either ineligible for public housing or do not prefer to live in such publicly built flats, to own a private residential property.

"It is also to enable them to invest their CPF savings in residential properties to hedge against inflation."

But beyond a mandatory three-year interval between the sale of one property and the purchase of another, Mr Sia unveiled no special precautions against possible abuse of the scheme by speculators.

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# Memory chips to be made here

FIRST SUCH PLANT IN ASEAN

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# SIA dispute sent for arbitration

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