

## 房屋署助理署長(發展及採購) 鄭溫綺蓮女士主導辭

以人為本，關愛生命，我們與各方同心協力，提高安全意識，推動職業安全。為了讓業界響應安全專題，每年一度的工地安全研討會，提供了難能可貴的機會，讓我們審度當下形勢，訂出方向，與業務伙伴並肩合作，進一步提高工地安全意識。

無工傷的工作環境，是講求業務效率和生產力的先決條件。香港房屋委員會（房委會）作為同心展關懷的機構，一向銳意透過橫跨各個界別的供應鏈——建造、物業管理服務和清潔服務業界通力協作，保障從業員的職業安全 and 健康。

儘管工地安全表現多年來一直有所改善<sup>註1</sup>，據意外統計數字顯示，建造業依然是世界上風險最高的行業之一，而在香港特別行政區這個現代活力大都會的服務型經濟體系中，也是最危險的業界<sup>註2</sup>。成功的關鍵繫於我們的業務伙伴作出承擔，但是我們仍然會繼續擔當積極的公共發展機構角色，以「三管齊下方式」：即(1)採購策略和表現監察、(2)合約規定，以及(3)研究、培訓和推廣，努力推動工地安全。

註1在工地安全表現概覽方面——

(A)房委會新建造工地方面

2009年（以截至第三季的數據推算）每千名工人的意外率是9.4宗，與一年前的時候相比，即2008年的16.1宗，跌幅為42%；與五年前的時候相比，即2004年的29.2宗，跌幅為68%；與十年前的時候相比，即1999年的109宗，跌幅為91%。

(B)香港建造業

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註22008年的建造業死亡率是每10萬名工人近乎40.5宗，所有業界的平均死亡率為每10萬名工人4.4宗。在香港就業人口當中，建造業約佔7.9%，但是過去五年的76%致命工業意外在建造業發生——其死亡率在所有工業界別中最高（資料來源：政府統計處綜合住戶統計調查；勞工處職業安全及健康統計數字）。

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2009年是碩果纍纍的一年，我們把2009至2010年行動計劃和訂立的延伸工作計劃中34項持續推行和新推出的安全舉措，付諸實行。明建會最近將建造業安全典範大獎（發展機構組別亞軍）頒予房委會，以表揚房委會在主動推出並維持安全領導行動方面不斷努力，對整個行業起着積極作用。「安全第一」總是我們工作不可或缺的部分。我們一定會進一步磨礪這種「安全基因」。

我們會把「零事故」列為工作重點，以此作為成效指標，激勵各方提高警惕。與此同時，我們與職業安全健康局合辦安全工作坊，即「生生不息」—公共房屋發展項目規劃與設計工作坊：在生命周期內的安全事宜，並即席簽署《安全約章2010》，全體簽署人承諾致力恪守與推動規劃和設計安全。

在「追求卓越的小型工作坊」上，我們提出課題與業內持份者一起討論，務求找到切實可行的措施，藉此改善作業環境／硬件提供、加強安全管理和發揮制衡作用，提升工地安全。

展望將來，在持份者的支持下，我們將會全力推展下列工作：

- 進一步收緊規格要求，以加強安全管理。
- 製作塔式起重機良好吊運作業推廣資料套。
- 出版規劃和設計安全圖解指南。
- 在房屋署工地安全小組委員會轄下成立共同關注安全專題檢討工作小組。
- 建立工地安全小型網站，網站具影像串流功能，以傳達工地安全信息。

多年來，我們已強制規定新工程合約實行「安全施工程序」，實踐安全行為，以鞏固安全管理系統的成效。我發言完畢後，將會播放錄像，內容是縱觀各個地盤實行「安全施工程序」的概要和做法，還有持份者交流經驗的研討環節。

安全作業，人人受惠。步步為營，務求工作場地零事故。讓我們提倡良好管理，培養安全文化，執行安全防範措施，提高警覺並加強監督，確保工作安全！



## Keynote Address by Mrs CHENG WAN, Irene Assistant Director of Housing (Development and Procurement)

We care about people. We care about life. With concerted efforts, we strive to raise safety awareness and foster occupational safety of the construction industry. In a bid to raise industry response to thematic safety topics, the annual Site Safety Forum provides a unique opportunity for us to take stock of our position, set directions and build rapport for forging partnership and further uplifting site safety awareness.

Injury-free working environment is a pre-requisite for business efficiency and productivity. As a caring organization, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is firmly committed to protecting the occupational safety and health of the workforce with prime drivers through the supply chain across various sectors – construction, property management services and cleansing services.

Despite improvements in site safety performance over the years <sup>Note 1</sup>, accident statistics show that construction is still one of the most hazardous industries in the world, let alone the most dangerous work sector in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region <sup>Note 2</sup> – amidst this modern, vibrant and cosmopolitan services economy. While the charter for success hinges on the commitment of our business partners, we will continue to foster site safety underpinning our role as a proactive sector client through a “three-pronged approach”, namely (1) procurement strategy and performance monitoring, (2) contract requirements, and (3) research, training and promotion.

2009 was a fruitful year in which we have implemented 34 safety initiatives.

<sup>Note 1</sup> To give you a bird's eye view of site safety performance –

A) HA's new works construction sites

The accident rate (projected based on data up to the third quarter) in 2009 is 9.4 per 1000 workers – in a year snapshot compared to 16.1 in 2008, down by 42%, in a 5-year snapshot compared to 29.2 in 2004, down by 68%, in a 10-year snapshot compared to 109 in 1999, down by 91%.

B) Hong Kong construction industry

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<sup>Note 2</sup> The fatality rate for construction is nearly 40.5 per 100,000 workers as against 4.4 per 100,000 for all sector average in 2008. Construction has about 7.9% of the working population in Hong Kong, but 76% of the industrial fatalities occurred in the construction industry in the past five years - the largest number of fatalities reported for any industry sector (Source: General Household Survey, Census & Statistics Department; Occupational Safety & Health Statistics, Labour Department).

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We will emphasize “ZERO incident” as a performance goal to provoke vigilance on all fronts. In this conjunction, we have joined hands with Occupational Safety and Health Council to convene a safety workshop entitled “From Cradle to Cradle – Workshop on Planning and Design for Safety in Project Life Cycle for Public Housing Developments”, with Safety Charter 2010 signed by all signatories pledging commitment to planning and design for safety.

In our QUEST for excellence mini workshop, we also brought forward issues for discussion with industry stakeholders with a view to identifying practical measures conducive to bettering operating environment / hardware provisions, strengthening safety management and check & balance, escalating site safety to the next level.

The Lighthouse Club has recently presented Safety Leadership Award (first runner-up in the Client-Developer Category) to HA in recognition of its continuous efforts in initiating and maintaining safe leadership actions that have positively influenced the entire industry. “Safety First” is always an integral part of our work. We must keep up with further honouring this “Safety DNA”.

Looking forward, we have lined up stakeholders effort in forging ahead with the following among others –

- Further tightening specification requirements to enhance safety management
- Producing good practice promotion kit for tower crane lifting
- Publishing a pictorial guide of planning and design for safety
- Forming a HDSSSC Working Group to review topical safety issues
- Setting up a site safety mini-website with video streaming capability to propagate site safety information

We have mandated Safe Working Cycle (SWC) in New Works Contracts for many years to reinforce safe work behaviour, thereby enhancing the effective implementation of safety management system. Following my speech, the video will present the gist and practice of SWC by reading across sites, with discussion session for experience sharing among stakeholders.

Safe operations benefit everyone. Take every caution for zero incident at the workplace. Let's advocate good management. Foster safety culture. Enforce safety precautions. Raise vigilance and supervise to ensure safety at work!

