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謝謝各位嘉賓在上一節「安全工作程序」業界座談會上，所提出的寶貴意見，以及大家的積極參與。現在，讓我們來探討另一個在屋邨管理上，時常遇到的重要課題——「安全的高空清潔工作」。

作為一個公營機構，房委會一直致力為有需要的家庭提供設備完善和優質管理的公共房屋。同時，我們亦十分關心所有員工，尤其是前線工友們的作業安全。締造和維持一個安全的工作環境，確實需要多方面的配合，當中承辦商及工友們均擔當重要的角色。承辦商除了須為工人提供適當的職安建培訓和足夠的個人防護裝備及安全設施外，還須制訂一個安全及健康管理制，推廣及監管工作安全。另一方面，工友亦必須遵從有關的安全施工程序及安健指引。為了進一步保障前線工友的安全，房委會已制定長遠工地安全策略，並繼續與業務夥伴合作，推廣各項有關健康和安全的措施。

房委會轄下約有一百五十多個公共屋邨，在大部分舊型公共屋邨，工人需要在樓宇低層簷篷進行清潔工作。為了防止工人墮下受傷，並提供更理想及易於使用的安全設施，房委會早於2008年底，已經為三十多個公共屋邨的斜面簷篷裝置了平行安全鋼索防墮系統。自從裝置了有關設施後，在斜面簷篷上工作，均錄得「零」下墮意外。有見及此，房委會計劃動用約4千萬元，為其餘的簷篷、平台及有蓋行人通道安裝平行安全鋼索防墮系統，當中涉及約六百五十座公共房屋。這計劃已於2009年底展開，預計會於二〇一二年年底完成安裝工程。此外，我們亦會為有關的工人提供合適的安全訓練，使他們能夠正確地運用這些設施，並提高其職安健的水平。

下一個環節將會有一段短片介紹平行安全鋼索防墮系統的原理、使用方法及一些注意事項。希望業界、業務伙伴和各位同事透過有關的短片，加深對防墮系統的認識和了解，從而讓大家善用這些設施，為工友們提供更全面的安全保障，並同時提升他們的工作效率，達至一個對工人、承辦商和房委會的三贏局面。

此外，在屋邨管理方面，我們堅信建立安全及健康管理制度的重要性，務求為邨內的居民及管理人員締造一個安全、舒適、健康及和諧的居住及工作環境。剛獲頒發「安健屋邨確認計劃」嘉許獎的6條邨正正顯示了房委會在致力推動安全健康管理制、建設和諧社區所得到的認同。下一個環節將會有另一條短片和大家分享房委會在推行「安健屋邨確認計劃」的經驗和得著。



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Keynote Address by Mr CHAN Siu-tack, Assistant Director (Estate Management) (2)

I am grateful for your active participation and valuable views given in the previous seminar on “Safe Working Cycle”. Now, let us proceed to the discussion of another very important issue of “Safety for Cleansing Operations at Heights” that we often encounter in estate management.

As a public organisation, the Housing Authority is committed to providing public housing with suitable facilities and quality management for families in need. At the same time, we also care about the safety at work of all staff members, particularly frontline workers. To create and maintain a safe working environment requires collaboration among all parties, in which both contractors and workers play a vital role. For contractors, apart from providing workers with relevant training on occupational safety and health as well as adequate personal protective equipment and safety facilities, they should also put in place a system of safety and health management to promote and monitor workplace safety. On the other hand, workers have to follow the procedures for safe practice as well as occupational safety and health guidelines. To further ensure the safety of frontline workers, the Housing Authority has formulated a long-term site safety strategy and will continue to work with business partners to promote various measures on health and safety.

There are more than 150 public housing estates under the Housing Authority. In most of the old estates, workers are required to perform cleansing work on canopies at the lower level of a building. To prevent injuries resulting from falls from the canopies and to provide workers with better and more user-friendly safety equipment, the Housing Authority has installed a horizontal lifeline system as fall-arrestor on slanting canopies in more than 30 public housing estates since end 2008. Ever since the system was installed, no falling accident has been recorded for work on slanting canopies. In view of this, the Housing Authority has planned to commit about 40 million dollars to a project for the installation of the fall-arrest system on all other canopies, platforms and covered walkways, in which a total of about 650 public housing blocks are involved. The project already started in end 2009 and the installation works are expected to complete by end 2012. Moreover, we will also provide the necessary safety training for the workers concerned so that they will be able to use the equipment properly and enhance their occupational safety and health standard.

In the up-coming session, there will be a video show on the horizontal lifeline system including its operation mechanism, operation method and some salient points to note. I hope the video can help raise the awareness and enhance the understanding of the fall-arrest system among members of the industry, business partners and colleagues. As a result, we can make good use of such equipment, hence providing a more comprehensive protection for workers and raising their work efficiency, and finally achieving a triple-win situation among workers, contractors and the Housing Authority.

For estate management, we firmly believe in the importance of building a safety and health management system to create a safe, comfortable, healthy and harmonious living and working environment for our residents and management personnel. Recently, six public housing estates have been commended under the Safe and Healthy Estate Accreditation Scheme. This is indeed a recognition of the Housing Authority's efforts to promote a safety and health management system and to build a harmonious community. The next session will feature another video show, by which we shall share with you the Housing Authority's experience and achievements in the implementation of the Safe and Healthy Estate Accreditation Scheme.

Thank you.

