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香港房屋委員會是職安局多年來推動工作安全健康的合作夥伴。近年，房委會與職安局合力推行「安全氣候指數調查」，鼓勵承建商及員工履行安全責任，建立安全文化。「安全氣候指數調查」及「工作安全行為」，這兩個有效的管理工具，已被列入房委會安全表現監察的評分項目，進一步落實承建商安全管理的工作。

房委會致力推動工作安全文化，成績是有目共睹。您們積極鼓勵轄下多個屋邨，參與職安局的「香港安健屋邨確認計劃」，在推行的短短兩、三年間，便有4個屋邨獲確認為「良好安健屋邨」，另外2個屋邨更獲取「傑出安健屋邨」的佳績。這個確認計劃是透過推行安全管理制度，保障屋邨的員工、維修及保養承建商、居民及訪客的安全健康，從社區層面培育安全文化。

建造業是高風險的行業，近年大型基建項目陸續展開，政府亦推出多項樓宇更新的資助計劃，及推行強制驗樓等政策，整體的建造業包括裝修及維修工程，都因此而蓬勃起來。這些工程創造了大量就業機會，但亦為職安健工作帶來莫大的挑戰。故此，業界須提高警覺，加強安全管理，審慎執行每個安全步驟，尤其是有效的防墮裝置措施，加強高空工作的安全保護，防止意外發生。

香港近期的天氣非常炎熱，我在此呼籲僱主，為在酷熱環境中工作的僱員進行風險評估，及採取適當的預防措施，並為僱員提供適當的培訓，認識中暑的初期徵狀；而僱員亦要多飲水，留意自己的身體狀況。本局為業界提供了實用而有效，預防中暑的資訊和支援服務。

今年已是職安局與香港房屋委員會第四年合辦這個研討會，我深信今次的活動，為業界提供了良好實務經驗的交流平台，集思廣益，在常遇到的工作安全健康問題上，提供借鏡的機會，將意外事故減到最低。謹祝今天的研討會成功！

祝各位身體健康、家庭幸福！多謝！



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Message from Mr LEE Kai-ming, GBS, JP Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council

The Hong Kong Housing Authority has been a long-time partner of the Occupational Safety and Health Council in pushing ahead with occupational safety and health. In recent years, the Housing Authority and the Council have jointly launched the "Safety Climate Index Survey" to encourage contractors and employees to be responsible for safety at work, thus fostering a safety culture in the industry. The "Safety Climate Index Survey" and "Work Safe Behaviour" have been incorporated into the Housing Authority's safety performance monitoring programme as two effective management vehicles for further enhancement of contractors' safety management work.

The Housing Authority is committed to promoting the culture of safety at work with remarkable achievements. Estates under the Housing Authority have been given every encouragement to participate in the "Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Estate Accreditation Scheme" organised by the Council. In a mere couple of years, four of the Housing Authority's estates were commended as "Safe and Healthy Estates with Good Performance", while two estates did even better by gaining the "Safe and Healthy Estates with Outstanding Performance" award. The Accreditation Scheme aims at cultivating a safety culture at the community level through the implementation of a safety management system for safeguarding the safety and health of the workforce, maintenance contractors, residents as well as visitors in housing estates.

The construction industry is inherently highly risky. In recent years, booming activities in the industry including renovation and maintenance works resulting from the launching of major infrastructure projects, subsidy programmes for building renewal, and the mandatory building inspection scheme by the Government have created tremendous employment opportunities which, however, have also posed great challenges to our work on occupational safety and health. Therefore, members of the industry must be fully aware of the situation and step up safety management by following each and every safety procedure with utmost care. It is particularly important that effective fall arrestors are in place to enhance safety protection for workers working at heights to avoid accidents.

Recently, the weather has been very hot in Hong Kong. I would like to appeal to employers to conduct risk assessment for employees working in an environment of scorching heat and to take appropriate precautionary measures. Relevant training should also be provided for employees so that they are knowledgeable about the early symptoms of a heat stroke. As for employees, they should drink plenty of water, and be watchful of their body conditions. The Council has made available practical and effective information and support services on heat stroke prevention.

This Forum has been jointly organised by the Council and the Housing Authority for the fourth consecutive year. I believe that this event has provided a useful platform for the exchange of practical experiences and views among members of the industry, and for a meaningful discussion of safety and health issues which are frequently encountered by stakeholders so that accidents can be reduced to the minimum.

I wish today's Forum every success, and wish you and your families good health and happiness.
Thank you!

