



## Message from Mr D W Pescod, JP, Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)



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To ensure sustainability in the implementation of public housing programmes in the territory, the Hong Kong Housing Authority has to meet the basic housing needs of the general public and act in response to their aspirations for a better living environment. In this regard, we have a duty to foster a quality culture in both the construction work and property management services in public housing estates—the aim being to achieve continuous improvement in building quality and estate management, and to create a comfortable home where public housing residents can live harmoniously.

We firmly believe that only through the concerted efforts of management and frontline staff can we keep abreast of the latest industry advances and achieve continuous improvement. To succeed, it is crucial that we gain the commitment and support of our staff and provide them with appropriate care and assistance. Over the years, we have been committed to promoting occupational safety and health, as well as providing our staff with safe and healthy workplaces, to empower and enable them to easily overcome challenges so they can fully dedicate themselves to the enhancement of building quality and estate management services.

During the course of workplace and work-cycle improvement, we have received widespread support from all our business partners, including relevant government departments, organisations, contractors and trade unions. We have proactively promoted work safety and risk management through the launch of a series of initiatives, seminars and workshops.

The "Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts" has been a key one of such activities. This year marks the fifth consecutive year for this Forum, jointly organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority and Occupational Safety and Health Council. Experts in the industry are invited to share their views on, and experiences in, taking forward industry best practices. By creating a better working environment to further improve the occupational safety and health of our staff, we can also ensure the continued provision of enhanced building quality and property management services.

