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The Hong Kong Housing Authority is committed to providing a healthy and safe living environment for public housing tenants. To maintain the quality of the Housing Authority's public housing estates, we have developed the "Enhanced Maintenance Strategy", under which regular examinations and inspections, as well as improvement and modernisation works such as the refurbishment of existing buildings, provision of additional estate facilities and enhancement of existing facilities, are carried out for estates where the buildings are more than 25 years old.

With the dramatic increase in the number of maintenance and improvement projects for public housing estates, there is an even greater need for us to elevate operational safety standards—to ensure the safety of our staff and tenants, as well as pedestrians passing by. In this respect, the Housing Authority has been working closely with relevant stakeholders to enhance site safety management and risk control through systematic works assessment and analysis. At the same time, we also encourage both management and frontline staff to work collaboratively, in a bid to ensure that staff adhere to the codes of practice and guidelines, carry out all work procedures with due care, and work safely.

By organising seminars and workshops, we have also been proactively promoting occupational safety and health. The annual "Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts" event, co-organised by the Occupational Safety and Health Council, provides a platform of communication for stakeholders of various industries to exchange their views on and experiences in areas such as best practices, staff training and performance reviews.

In this year's Forum, we will cite "estate refurbishment projects" and "lift modernisation projects" as discussion topics to share our hands-on experiences in the "Safe System of Work" with all participants. We hope that you find this sharing process useful in understanding the application and efficacy of the systems, and then implement them industry-wide in order to promote the best practices and foster a 'safety culture'.

