

Message by Dr. Alan CHAN Hoi-shou Vice-chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council



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Mr PESCOD, Mrs CHENG, Mr CHAN, representatives of various organisations, distinguished guests and friends,

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It is the sixth Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts. I am glad to see representatives from various sectors of the industry, who are today to exchange views on this important topic.

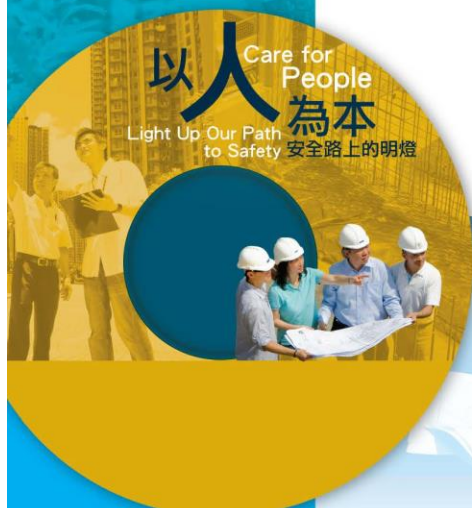
It is the Housing Authority (HA)'s mission to care for its contractors, sub-contractors and workers during construction. With a comprehensive mechanism of construction management, HA is committed to fostering a safety culture. Effective measures under the system include the implementation of the Performance Assessment Scoring System and the **Safety Audit Scheme for new works**, which is undertaken by the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) to monitor closely the safety performance of contractors. We proudly witness how these measures have effectively enhanced the safety management of sites.

Over the years, OSHC has worked together with HA on many fronts to promote occupational safety and health (OSH). Since last year, we have extended the scope of the Safety Audit Scheme to cover two types of HA's works contracts, namely, **"Lift and Escalator Nominated Sub-contracts"** and **"Maintenance and Improvement Works Contracts"**. In order to further enhance the OSH performance of contractors, we have designed and implemented a **Surprise Safety Inspection Programme** for HA.

In early June, OSHC launched a two-year "OSH Star Enterprise – Pilot Scheme on RMAA Safety Accreditation" in co-operation with the Labour Department. The Scheme aims to enhance the safety standards of RMAA works to minimise accidents by means of training, financial assistance and safety audits. Under the Scheme, tenants and owners are able to identify enterprises that put safety at the heart of their services. We are pleased to have Housing Department's representatives on the Steering Committee to give us invaluable advice. It is hoped that the Pilot Scheme can provide sufficient incentive for RMAA enterprises to take steps to improve their safety standards.

It requires concerted efforts from each and every member of the industry to maintain a high level of OSH at a time when the construction industry is thriving. As safety at work is a shared responsibility, I hope that all of us, including contractors, OSH professionals, and frontline staff can think about what they can do in their positions to enhance construction safety to minimise accidents, thus moving one step closer to reaching the "Safe Work • ZERO Incident" objective.

Thank you.



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