

Message by Mr Albert LEE Kwok-wing, JP, Deputy Director (Estate Management) of Housing Department



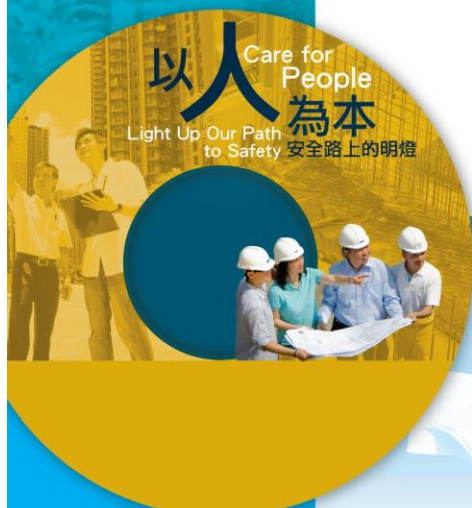
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The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is committed to providing a comfortable, healthy and safe living environment for residents in public rental housing (PRH) estates. To this end, we have launched initiatives, such as the Total Maintenance Scheme, the Comprehensive Structure Inspection Programme and the Estate Improvement Programme, to modernise and improve various facilities. Last year, we further launched the Responsive In-flat Maintenance Services, under which enhanced and responsive in-flat maintenance services are provided for all PRH tenants.

With the implementation of various maintenance programmes and the routine property management services, we have to deal with more operations involving high risks. In this regard, the HA formulates the highest safety and health standards for its estates, and also encourages its contractors and front-line staff to observe site safety when planning and carrying out the works. Under proper monitoring, the safety and health of front-line staff, PRH tenants, as well as the pedestrians passing by, can be ensured.

The HA has always been caring for the safety of workers during operations. With a view to enhancing the safety of workplace, the HA develops various technologies and facilities through continuous studies, such as the introduction of the horizontal lifeline system for operations at heights, to enhance the safety of workers performing cleansing work on canopies in our estates. Moreover, when additional lifts are built in aged estates, the HA employs the innovative prefabricated steel lift towers to replace the traditional method of building lift towers in situ, thus significantly expediting the works progress, effectively reducing wastes and dusts, and enhancing site safety.

To promote occupational safety and health and foster a safety culture, the HA always maintains close communication with its contractors to jointly organise various topical seminars, training courses and forums for enhancing stakeholders' safety management and awareness. This year, we once again join hands with the Occupational Safety and Health Council to co-organise the Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts. Professionals from the fields of construction, repairs and maintenance, property management services and cleansing services are invited to exchange views and share experiences on ways to further strengthen the safe systems of works, as well as prevent accidents and incidents at sites, for building safe and harmonious estates. Let us stride towards the goal of "Zero Incident"!



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