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Upholding "Caring" as the core value, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) always concerns about the safety conditions of working environment of front-line staff. In this connection, we attach great importance to the performance in safety on all construction sites under the HA, and proactively engage our project teams to work in concerted efforts with contractors in achieving the highest standard of health and safety. We advocate "Zero Incident" and encourage our business partners to strive for improvement, with the aim of involving various contractors targeting at the "5-Zero" objectives, i.e. "Zero Accident", "Zero Incident", "Zero Conviction", "Zero Complaint", as well as "Zero Dispute".

Quality and safety goes hand in hand. Through our procurement and performance monitoring mechanisms as well as contractual requirements, we can ensure that the entire construction process, covering every stage of the work procedures, and even the completed buildings feature both quality and safety. "Safety First" is our "DNA". We take the lead in the hope of setting up a role model of safety culture for the industry. Moreover, we adopt the strategy of "Early Planning, Early Design, Early Management" to encourage vigilance on all fronts and foster a safe working practice and behaviour.

We keep stepping up performance monitoring to further enhance site safety through measures including the improvement of the Independent Safety Auditing System for new works, implementation of the Surprise Safety Inspection Programme for new works, and formulation of the Lift and Escalator Nominated Sub-contracts Safety Auditing System. On the other hand, we have also included in our contracts various provisions requiring contractors to take care of the health of frontline staff working in hot weather, implement the Caring Programme for New Workers on construction sites for newcomers, limit the age of heavy machinery on construction sites to assure safety, introduce more mechanisation and prefabrication initiatives during the construction process to minimise the risks of workers, adopt advanced technology such as the building information modelling technique and radio frequency identification technique to improve site safety through the Pay for Safety Scheme, tighten the safety training requirements for contractors' resident site staff and promote good practice of pointing and calling so as to enhance safety awareness of workers.

Moreover, we are actively exploring how to better apply information technology to help identify potential site hazards as soon as possible, and, thereby, enhance site safety. This forum adopts the theme of "Key to Safety: I Act with a Caring Heart". We aim to invite all the stakeholders in the industry to join hands in an effort to strive for a better safety performance, thus co-building a culture of caring and safety on sites with concrete actions. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Occupational Safety and Health Council, as well as all of the supporting organisations, speakers and representatives from the industry for their support and participation in the promotion of site safety, and for making every endeavour to strive for better site safety and achieve "Zero Incident".



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