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Captions:

Here is the footage of

“Site Safety Forum 2016 for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts”
which was held on 14 July 2016

The speaker is Mr Stanley YING Yiu-hong

Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

He is now delivering the opening speech

M.C.:

Chairman Mr Wong Tin-cheung

Members of supporting organisations

My friends in this industry

Nice to see you attend the "Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts"

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Forum co-organised by the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) and the Housing Authority (HA)

We hope that this Forum will create a regular platform for the members of the industry

to share their experience on the best practices for safety

In the last decade

By working closely with supporting organisations and the industry

We have promoted a safety culture at all tiers

and actively boosted site health and safety performance

Site safety is a subject that cannot be taken lightly at any moment

In the past 10 years

There were 191 fatal accidents in the construction industry

9 of them were on HA sites

We have the duty to reduce accidents

In 2015

19 fatal accidents happened in the construction industry

9 of which were related to workers falling from height

Accounting for half of the total

The situation has aroused grave concern of the industry

So the theme of the Forum in this year

is "Control the Risk at Source Effectively will Improve Work Performance at Height"
Hope that everyone is concerned about the importance of controlling risks at source
especially when it involves work-at-height

in order to prevent accidents

HA is a body caring for the community

It is our duty to ensure the safety of our staff and frontline workers

We have always spared no effort in keeping the accident rate

at a number lower than 12 cases per 1000 people

And actually starting from 2010

the accident rate per 1000 people of HA sites is maintained at single-digit

Recently HA has received

the Gold Award (Client-Developer Category) of the Safety Leadership Award 2016

co-organised by the Lighthouse Club and the Construction Industry Council

After the Champion Award in 2011

We once again earned the recognition of the industry

We will continue to make effort

So this year HA adjusted the target accident rate per 1000 workers

from 12 cases to 9 cases

We hope this new standard will encourage our contractors

to further enhance the site safety

Owing to the rising amount of public housing production over the past few years

a lot of new workers are drawn to work on HA sites

and the veteran workers are getting old

They are more prone to accidents

So we need to work closely with all our partners

through the "Three-Pronged Strategy"

for continuous improvement on site safety standards

The first prong is to implement procurement strategy

and performance monitoring mechanism with incentives and sanctions

The second prong is to strengthen contract requirements and
administration

The third prong is to support research and

to facilitate promotion and training

so as to raise the safety awareness and enhance the safety measures

Finally, I once again thank the OSHC

all the supporting organisations

guest speakers and participants from the industry

for your full support over the years

and making the Forum a success for the tenth consecutive year
Hope that through the concerted effort of everyone
and continuous improvement on site safety standards
so that our workers can work in a safe and healthy environment
Thank you everyone

Caption:

Thank You For Watching