

## Chapter\_SSF\_2016\_Chapter 1-2 Transcription\_English

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 Conrad WONG, Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council.

He is now delivering the opening speech.

M.C.:

Permanent Secretary Mr Ying Yiu Hong

Deputy Director Ms Ada Fung

Friends of the industry

Hello everyone

This year is the 10th anniversary of the

"Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts"

I am happy to join the occasion and share the experience with our friends in the industry

in enhancing the safety on site and property management

The Housing Department (HD) is a very important working partner of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC)

There are more than two million people living in public housing in Hong Kong

HD is not only responsible for the construction of new homes

It also bears the responsibility of the maintenance of its properties

It bears heavy responsibilities

How to effectively manage different sites

to ensure the safety of construction workers?

It is a great challenge

We are happy to see that

over the years HD has endeavoured to

introduce new safety management systems and technologies

and has been a pioneer of the industry in enhancing the safety on sites

Twenty years ago

HD and OSHC collaborated to

introduce an independent safety auditing system

to assess the occupational safety and health performance of HD's new works

Today, OSHC has taken a further step to carry out site safety audits

for HD's building maintenance and improvement works contracts

and surprise safety inspections on new works projects  
All these policies aim to enhancing the quality of safety management  
for the protection of the safety of construction workers  
During a recent visit to a HD site, my colleague  
heard a project safety officer saying to the workers that  
safety measures are not done for show  
but to protect our lives  
so that we can safely return home every day  
I believe by effort over the years  
the values of safety culture have been disseminated  
to our contractors and working partners  
Being our invaluable partner, HD has been encouraging its working partners  
to develop and promote new safety knowledge and technologies  
The Forum today is one of the good examples  
giving us an opportunity to explore together the safety of work at height  
Workers usually carry out their work  
at a height of two or three metres above the ground  
If safety precautions are inadequate  
it can lead to death in case of serious accidents  
So we should not underestimate the risks  
In addition, I would like to thank HD for its support to the “OSH Star Enterprise”  
Scheme  
by incorporating the employment of star enterprises in the specifications of its New  
Works contracts  
When contractors are engaged in scaffolding works  
they are required to employ star enterprises accredited by OSHC  
Employing star enterprises is a win-win situation  
The star enterprises adopt better safety management systems  
They have passed the safety audits  
It helps reduce the risk of accidents  
and ensure the progress of the project  
We are going to hold the Charter’s Kick-off Ceremony next month  
I hope all my friends here will join us  
so that we can work together to enhance the safety standard in the industry  
Ensuring safety, in fact, is a shared responsibility  
Owners, contractors, subcontractors  
site safety officers, works supervisors or frontline workers  
all have a role to play  
By controlling risks at source

we can achieve the goal of "Safe Work and Zero Incident"  
so that every worker can go home happily every day and have dinner with their  
family  
Thank you everyone

Caption:

Thank You For Watching