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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.
This is the 2nd Q&A session.

The host was Mr Raymond NG.
The speakers, from left to right, were

Mr CHEUNG Chi Shing, Senior Safety Officer of Shui On Building Contractors Limited.
Mr LY Chi-bach, Manager (Industrial Safety) of Mitsubishi Elevator Hong Kong Company Limited
Mr Frankie LAM Kin-sun, Safety Officer of Law's Cleaning Services Ltd
Mr CHEUNG Ming-sin, Senior Consultant of Occupational Safety and Health Council
Mr CHAN Chung-san, Divisional Occupational Safety Officer of Labour Department

M.C.:

I've also received some questions

The first question is for Mr. Chan of the Labour Department
In recent years, there've been many accidents in RMAA works
involving fall of persons from height

What are substantive measures of the Labour Department
to help the industry to reduce similar accidents?

Please

To deal with these accidents

the Labour Department has implemented a number of measures

The first one is to strengthen law enforcement and inspections

The second one is to focus on reducing systemic risks

The third one is to introduce safety accreditation and funding schemes with the
industry

The fourth one is to optimise publicity

I will make a brief introduction one by one

In terms of legislation

most accidents of RMAA works

involve fall from suspended scaffold

or work at height of 2 to 3 metres above the ground

To deal with these cases

we will carry out special inspections

to avoid these incidents

In the last two years, we carried out

unscheduled inspections of RMAA works

and special enforcement

We will take stringent enforcement action if there is an illegal situation

As for systemic risk reduction

in order to improve the industry's awareness of the safety of work at height

and the potential risks of suspended scaffolding and work at height of 2 to 3 metres

above the ground

the Labor Department particularly wrote to contractors and subcontractors in the industry

for urging them when working at height and above the ground

to take appropriate safety measures

and to comply with the requirements of OSH regulations

What are the requirements?

Of course, it is to ensure that workers work on a suitable working platform

or safe supporting facilities are provided

We also wrote to the contractors' associations and workers' unions of scaffolding

and asked them to:

when erecting, dismantling and using a scaffold

implement effective safety measures

The Labor Department also issues safety and health alerts

to advise contractors, the industry and related parties on the accident process

so as to prevent these accidents

On the introduction of safety accreditation and funding schemes

the Labour Department and OSHC also continue to

launch OSH Star Enterprise Accreditation Schemes for RMAA works

to subsidise enterprises to purchase fall arresting devices

to provide safety training

and to cooperate with insurance companies

in order to offer discount to employees' compensation

for accredited RMAA contractors

Lastly, it is the promotion

We will hold large-scaled promotion campaigns from time to time

If you've paid attention to that

you'll see that this year, the Labour Department and OSHC

has appointed the Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB)

to shoot a series of 10 episodes of 1-minute program to promote occupational safety and health

If you have paid attention to that

The name of the program is 「職安顧家現真情」

from July 4 to July 15 this year

Monday to Friday at 8 pm on TVB Jade

You can watch the program

tonight at 8 pm

It's about work above the ground

mobile working platforms, step platform, hop-up platforms

Thank you everyone

Please stay behind, Mr. Chan

And there are also other questions

When erecting light-duty working platforms less than 2 metres on sites do we really need to fill in Form 5 – Scaffolds – Reports of Results of Fortnightly and Other Inspections?

Could you answer the question, Mr. Chan?

By the regulation, the form is filled for work at height of 2 metres or more

It is written in the regulation

But, as a responsible employer

he needs to design

and set some inspection forms

Working platforms should be inspected before work

Thank you, Mr. Chan

Another question is for Mr. Cheung from OHSC

What kind of training and sponsorship schemes of OHSC

are suitable for contractors who are interested in improving the performance of OSH?

Thank you

You might not realize that

we have so far provided more than 200 training courses

Many of them are suitable for RMAA industry

There is a 6-hour RMAA Ambassador Training Course

and a 2-hour course

on safe use of transportable temporary anchor devices

Apart from theory, it is also practical

If applicants

the star enterprises just mentioned

need to carry out work at height

then the two courses mentioned above is free of charge

They can also apply for the Sponsorship Scheme for Fall Arresting Equipment

The consultants of the Council will follow up the applications

and hope that their safety management system can obtain our recognition

and become a star enterprise

By the way

Mr. Fong also mentioned that

we will have a seminar on work-above-ground safety on August 11

We have added a launching ceremony to support and select star enterprises as first choice

For those who are involved in relevant works

there are a lot of sponsorship schemes

We have launched new schemes

Just like the enhanced "Three Safety Buddies to Safeguard Your Work at Height"

We continue to support the purchase of platform ladders of 1.5 meters or less

During the recess just then

the " Portable Residual Current Device Sponsorship Scheme for SMEs " in the exhibition area

is very helpful

Lastly I want to remind everyone

there will be a OSH Academy Open Day

on August 22

The exhibition area has not fully displayed the "Three Safety Buddies"
or other devices

as well as stretching exercise workshops

occupational health examination stations etc.

August 22, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday

Please feel free to join us at the OHS Academy if you have time

Thank you

Thank you, Mr. Cheung

Thank you all

Caption:

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Thank You For Watching