

Here is the footage of "Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts 2017" which was held on 6 July 2017.

The speaker is

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Mr. Luk Hing-chuen.

He is now delivering an address.

Distinguished guests, friends of the industry and colleagues.

As a responsible landlord and employer,

the Housing Authority hopes to work in close partnership with the industry to improve the safety of estate management,

as well as maintenance and improvement works.

In recent years, the safety performance in cleaning service as well as maintenance and improvement works of public housing estates has been improving.

The accident rate of HA's cleaning work in 2016 was 11.4 accidents per thousand workers, a drop of 5.89% from the previous year.

the accident rate of maintenance works was 1.5 accidents per thousand workers,

far below the industry average of 34.5 accidents per thousand workers.

This is the result of the continuous commitment

of Housing Department's management on work safety,

the increased safety awareness at all levels and the unremitting efforts of the industry on improving site safety.

As always, our Estate Management Division continues to promote and enforce

Three-pronged strategy for site safety.

Now I would like to share the measures we have introduced in the past year and those to be implemented soon.

The first prong is

the procurement strategy and performance monitoring mechanism with incentives and sanctions.

In terms of procurement strategy,

on contractors' performance on site safety,

we have linked the "Surprise Safety Inspection Scheme" for building works

to the "Safety Auditing System (Maintenance & Improvement)" with a view to strengthening the monitoring mechanism.

In addition, we continued to implement the Pay for Safety Scheme

for encouraging contractors to enhance safety management and safety training for their workers.

Early last year, we updated

the "Building Services Maintenance Assessment Scoring System"

to raise the site safety awareness of maintenance contractors.

In early 2016, to safeguard occupational health and safety (OSH) of workers,

in all the property management services contracts, cleansing service contracts and security contracts.

we introduced the "Occupational Injury Alert and Warning Triggering System".

Through this system, we hope to

show contractors' performance on a regular basis

in order to remind the contractors to

enhance their safety management in workplaces

and create a safer working environment for employees.

The second prong is to strengthen contract requirements and administration.

We have upgraded the safety auditing system

for maintenance and improvement works

by enhancing the auditing items and introducing random check mechanism

so as to raise the site safety standards.

Also, in district term contracts awarded in mid-2016,

we introduced a new specification which required bamboo scaffolding sub-contractors to be certified

under OSH Star Enterprise - RMAA Safety Accreditation Scheme".

We hope to ensure work safety through stringent safety audit and effective implementation of safety management system. And the third prong is research, training and promotion, to further enhance OSH performance and promote a caring environment for our colleagues and stakeholders, The Estate Management Division continues to implement OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System, which can assess OSH performance systematically and promote a safety culture in estates, thereby achieving continuous improvement in the working environment. On 6 April this year, we held a safety seminar on lift modernisation

to enhance the safety awareness of lift contractors and their frontline staff for execution of works.

Recently, we have considered the provision of safety device on bin cleansing machines. For example, the installation of wire mesh barriers and sensors can prevent cleaning workers from getting injured when cleaning large refuse bins.

We have been collaborating with OSHC on implementing measures to improve the operation of gondolas with a view to enhancing site safety during execution of work. The trial measures including the use of automatic safe load indicator and anti-tilt device have been launched, with full implementation expected by the end of the year.

With respect to outsourced property management services, in order to raise the awareness of the management personnel on OSH

and increase their understanding of the importance of occupational safety, we have organised a seminar on OSH with OSHC early this year to promote measures that can prevent common accidents.

We have received positive feedback from the industry and more than 300 frontline staff members attended the seminar. The theme of the forum this year is about how careful design can facilitate smooth execution of work and prevent accidents for protecting the safety of workers.

By incorporating safety considerations in the design of work, we can ensure smooth process of work and reduce work hazards and accidents due to inadequacy in the coordination on safety.

Lastly, I hope that all our colleagues and working partners can work together to create a safe and sound working environment for our workers. Thank you.

Thank You For Watching.