

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
Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing),
Mr. Stanley Ying Yiu-hong.
He is now delivering the opening speech

Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, Mr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung,
Commissioner for Labour, Mr Carlson Chan Ka-shun,
Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Mr Chan Ka-kui,
Representatives of supporting organisations,
Distinguished colleagues and guest.

Thank you for joining us in today's
"Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts".

This is an annual promotion event on site safety
co-organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)
and the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC)
This forum has been well-received by the supporting organisations and the industry
and has become a regular platform for communication
to enable winning teams in safety competitions of the OSHC to share their experience
and initiatives on the best practices for safety at work.

As an organisation devoted to the caring for society,
HA is very concerned with the work safety of our colleagues and the front-line staff.

"Zero fatal accidents" has always been our target for safety at work

and we have worked vigorously to keep the accident rate down to a low level.

The site accident rate limit is changed
from 12 accidents to 9 accidents per 1000 workers in 2016.

In fact, the accident rates per 1000 workers in HA's new works site and maintenance works sites,
starting from 2009 and 2010 respectively,
are maintained at single digits.

In 2016, the accident rates of our new works site and maintenance works sites
dropped to 6.8 accidents and 1.5 accidents per 1000 workers respectively, which were lower than the
average accident rate of 34.5 accidents per 1000 workers in Hong Kong.

Nevertheless, we should not be complacent.

We are fully committed to enhance site safety and prevent accidents through pre-emptive actions,
"prevention is better than cure".

The theme of the forum this year is "Prevention through Design - Careful Design can Reduce Accidents
and Ensure Smooth and Safe Execution of Works"

We strongly believe that our design team,
including HA's design professionals, contractors and service contractors etc,
from planning, construction, management, design, material selection and construction method
should make rigorous choices. We can achieve "Prevention through Design"

In safeguarding the safety of the workers on the sites, the users and maintenance personnel.
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I wish to thank the OSHC, the supporting organisations,
guest speakers and participants from the industry for your full support
and making this forum a success for the eleventh consecutive year.

Hope that we can promote and adopt safe work practice
and learn from each other in order to enable our colleagues and the frontline staff
to work in a safe and healthy environment in the future.

This will help us build quality housing and provide good management and maintenance services.
Thank you everyone.

Thank You For Watching.