

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  
Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council,  
Mr. Conrad Wong Tin-cheung.  
He is now delivering the opening speech

Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing) Mr. Ying, Commissioner for Labour Mr. Chan, Deputy Director Ms. Fung, CIC Chairman Mr. Chan Ka-kui, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. This year marks the eleventh anniversary of the "Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts".

I am glad to join the occasion with our friends in the industry and share the experience in enhancing safety on site and property management. Over the last decade, we have seen a declining accident rate in the construction industry, reflecting a noticeable increase of the awareness of the industry in the occupational safety and health (OSH).

As a government body responsible for the construction and maintenance of public housing,

the Housing Authority (HA) has to closely monitor the implementation of safety targets in its construction projects,

which includes driving safety culture from the top and obtain in the pledge of contractors to maintain the highest standards of site safety. Since 1996, HA has partnered with the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) in carrying out independent safety audits quarterly.

These independent safety audits are conducted by competent safety auditors accredited by OSHC, which aim at evaluating OSH performance of HA works projects.

The good and bad practices, as well as safety measures adopted will be recorded.

Such information can help us to raise safety standards and promote safety management system in the industry.

Indeed, HA sites exhibit high standards in OSH performance and can set an example for the industry.

I would like to thank HA again for its support to OSH Star Enterprise Scheme

by specifying the appointment of star enterprises in its contracts.

In order to carry out bamboo scaffolding works, contractors shall engage the star enterprises certified by OSHC under the Scheme.

The objective of the Scheme is to use market force to encourage more repair, maintenance, alteration and addition enterprises (RMAA) to adopt a safety management system and obtain accreditation under the Hong Kong Safety and Health Certification Scheme introduced by OSHC, with a view to minimising the risk of accidents and safeguarding the safety of workers and the public.

It is hoped that with HA taking the lead, more RMAA enterprises

will become Star Enterprises to promote stronger safety culture.

The theme of the forum this year is

"Prevention through Design - Careful Design can Reduce Accidents and Ensure Smooth and Safe Execution of Works"

Mr Jung-Ya Hsieh, a designer who has won numerous international design awards, once said:

"Design should be people-oriented.

As designers should think about how to solve problems encountered by people, they have to pay close attention to their surroundings in order to come up with products that suit the needs of human beings."

Similarly, all safety measures and working procedures should be designed from human point of view.

We have to learn from experience,  
, reflect and review from past incidents,  
so as to design better safety products or construction methods to ensure safety.  
Some suppliers who have joined us today  
display innovative safety products.  
I hope you can get some inspiration from that.  
We can then keep on improving our construction procedures and introducing more safety techniques  
for the development of the safety culture of construction industry.  
Over the years,  
OSHC has been working hand in hand with HA  
to raise the OSH standard in Hong Kong.  
We will continue to forge ahead with stakeholders.  
By putting people first,  
we will work together to achieve the goal of zero incident.  
Thank you everyone.

Thank You For Watching.