Here is the footage of

"Safety Forum 2019 for Works Contracts and Property Services Contracts"

which was held on 3 July 2019

by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

The Speaker is

Mr. Ying Yiu Hong, JP

Permanent Secretary for Transport & Housing (Housing)

He is now delivering a Welcoming Address

Now

First of all, I would like to invite

Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Mr. Stanley Ying to give an opening speech

Mr. Ying, please

Dr Alan Chan, Chairman of Occupational Safety & Health Council (OSHC)

Mr. Chan Ka Kui, Chairman of Construction Industry Council (CIC)

Representatives from supporting organisations

Friends from the industry. Greetings

Since 2007, for 13 years, Housing Authority (HA)

has jointly organised this safety forum with OSHC

It is an especially happy occasion this year

CIC joins us as a co-organiser

With CIC's professional standing and influence

I believe our forum will have a greater success than before

The theme this year focuses on a caring culture and site safety

Actually, caring has always been a core value of HA

Through practice, we hope to spread this message

that we care about workers' safety and health

so as to reach the goal of zero industrial fatal accident

Construction industry has always been a high risk industry

All these years, OSHC, CIC and

friends of the industry have made persistent efforts

industrial accident issues in construction

have continued to improve

HA fully supports the industry in this aspect

in enhancing safety standards of workplaces

we select contractors with good work safety records

and capability to undertake our projects

Under our stringent supervision and

the enhanced industry's safety awareness

HA's industrial accident rate

has been a single digit in the past 7 years

Based on this figure, we adjusted our target in 2016

from 12 accidents in every 1000 workers to 9 accidents

To sustain a reduction in industrial accidents

we adopt a 3-pronged approach

First is continual strengthening of

our contract requirements and administration

We require contractors and

service providers to enhance safety management and

offer a safer and healthier working environment

Second is continued perfection of

HA's procurement strategy and its performance monitoring mechanism

so as to encourage work partners

to raise their safety and health standards continually

Third, we and our working partners will vigorously

join safety promotional activities

training programs and promote safety culture

As the Hong Kong labour force is ageing

we appeal to contractors and service providers

to actively care about the health of workers

To show how much we value our workers

today, HA will join hands with

the co-organisers and supporting organisations

to conduct a safety charter signing ceremony

This is our all-out effort

to honour our commitment to a caring culture

to safeguard workers' health and life determinedly

Finally, I wish to thank once again the support from

all guests of honour

speakers and friends from the industry

for supporting the activity today

Your participation is absolutely a strong driving force

to realise the safe workplace

Thank you

Thank you, Mr. Ying

Please be seated

Just now, we heard about

the 3-pronged approach

that safeguards safety in the workplace

Thank you for watching