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This is a clip from the 6 December 2022 recording of the "Safety Forum 2022 for Works and Property Management Services" The speaker on stage is Ms Agnes WONG Tin-yu, JP Permanent Secretary for Housing She will give the opening speech Ms Bonnie YAU Man, Executive Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) Ir Thomas HO On-sing, JP, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) Representatives of supporting organisations Friends and colleagues, good day to all of you Welcome you to join the Forum today The Forum was initially planned on the 2nd of last month but due to a storm and consideration of occupational safety and health had to be rescheduled to today The rescheduling has not prevented us from sharing the latest insights on occupational safety and health with our colleagues and promoting a culture of work safety As the primary organisation for public housing development in Hong Kong the Housing Authority (HA) has established the highest standards for construction site safety Our safety target has always been "zero fatal accidents" ensuring a safe work environment The theme today "Accident Prevention for Safeguarding Lives" highlights the importance of implementing effective preventive measures strengthening safety management on sites and making "safety" our top priority HA has implemented a multi-pronged approach to promote improvement in safety and health management of contractors This includes a procurement strategy with incentive and sanction

and a robust performance monitoring system

We have integrated safety and health enhancements into contract provisions, and we are dedicated to

ongoing research, training and promotion We continue refining our procurement and monitoring mechanism to ensure contractors' safety performance meets our standards 3 months ago, a serious industrial accident occurred on a site on Anderson Road Though the site was not under HA we promptly instructed all our contractors to reinspect their tower cranes set-ups. Additionally, we suspended the bidding qualification of the contractor involved for HA projects until the end of next year Moreover, upon discovering melioidosis in the soil at the Pak Tin Estate redevelopment site, we cooperated fully with the Department of Health and Centre for Health Protection during their investigation. We closely followed their guidelines disinfecting the soil with lime, arranging blood tests for workers and reminding them to prioritize hygiene and disease prevention Over the next decade, the total number of public housing units is set to reach 360,000 and HA will play a pivotal role While focusing on improving speed, efficiency and quantity we will maintain a vigilant approach and prioritize safety throughout the construction process. We will persist in conducting research and implementing advanced technologies processes and machinery to enhance efficiency sparing no effort to ensure both safety and quality at every stage of construction

In addition to our current use of prefabrication techniques we will expand the implementation of Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) and Multi-trade Integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MiMEP) streamlining procedures and minimizing accidents on construction sites Our partner organisations play various roles in supporting the industry to improve safety and health performance For instance, OSHC offers various funding schemes to assist contractors in improving their construction equipment Through the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund, CIC promotes the adoption of innovative construction technologies to enhance construction quality and site safety Recently, HA has become a supporting organisation for the "Heart Caring Campaign" a collaboration between OSHC and the Labour Department that promotes the prevention of cerebro-cardiovascular diseases among frontline workers in the construction and property management sectors We strongly encourage contractors to use these resources Lastly, on behalf of HA, let me express our gratitude to OSHC CIC, our supporting organisations, speakers and the entire industry for your unwavering support in making this Forum possible. We firmly believe that through the concerted efforts of all stakeholders, we will continue to improve construction site safety and provide a safe and healthy environment for our frontline colleagues Together, we will construct high-quality public housing and deliver comprehensive management and maintenance services Thank you