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This is a clip from the 31 July 2024 recording of the

Hong Kong Housing Authority

"Safety Forum 2024 for Works and Property Management Services"

The speaker on stage is Ms Rosanna Law

Permanent Secretary for Housing

She will give the opening address

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Dr David Mong, Occupational Safety and Health Council

Ir Prof. Thomas Ho, Construction Industry Council

Representatives from supporting organisations

Friends from the industry and academia

Fellow colleagues, good afternoon to you all

Welcome everyone

for joining the Safety Forum for Works and Property Management Services today

This is my second time attending the Safety Forum upon taking office

The overall scale is more grand than last year

and I know that in addition to over 500 participants present here

There are also over 400 participants online

nearly a thousand people are joining this forum today

We are not here for the numbers

What truly inspires us is

that in Hong Kong, there are a thousand people

willing to spend an afternoon

to seriously focus on the safety issues in works and property management services

This is also an issue that matters to all of us

We hope to do our part

so that is why we have today's forum

As the emcee just mentioned

this forum has entered its 18th year

Firstly, I would like to represent the Housing Authority

Thanks to the Occupational Safety and Health Council and the Construction Industry Council as well as all supporting organisations for their years of joint effort

Which enabled this safety forum to proceed smoothly

Every year, the safety forum provides

a valuable platform for the Housing Authority and industry stakeholders to share experiences

Through the exchange of knowledge

to enhance the industry's safety awareness

and strive to elevate the safety and health standards in construction, property management services

As well as in the cleaning and security sectors

In recent years, we have also actively promoted

a culture of safety on sites and in workplaces

and encouraged the adoption of safety work practices

so that all practitioners and workers

can go to work with peace of mind and return home safely

This not only protects the wellbeing of our practitioners and their families

but also safeguards the industry's productivity

and helps attract more newcomers to join

So people won't refrain from this industry

only then can the industry grow in a healthy and sustainable way

The theme of the forum this year is

"Enhancing Occupational Safety and Health by Risk Management and Innovation and Technology"

We hope to guide stakeholders to implement risk management properly
to control foreseeable risks in the working environment

At the same time, we encourage everyone

to harness innovative technology

to strengthen site management

I just visited six to seven exhibition booths

They showcased some technologies

some we are already using

Some are relatively new

but what is most encouraging is that many of the topics on display are exactly the concerns
we all share

For example, confined spaces or working at height

Different units are developing technologies to help

when so many people are collaborating on the same topic

Advancement is bound to happen

There should be more and more options for related products and tools

They will become more user-friendly

and more lightweight

and most importantly is more affordable

so this is truly encouraging

Owing to different work natures, working environment

project complexity and employees' experience

we must conduct risk assessments and identify hazards

by evaluating the dynamics in the circumstances

and associated risks, hazards and consequences

to formulate corresponding strategies

to manage and mitigate risks

and to direct frontline workers to adopt preventive safety measures

Because, most importantly

it is no matter how good the tools or policies are

If the practitioners

especially the frontline staff or foremen

are unwilling or unaware of the importance and fail to use them

Then all these efforts would be meaningless

So the work of education and publicity is crucial

All of this is to protect our frontline personnel and public safety

To meet the increasing housing production demand

and to provide a safe working environment for frontline personnel

The Housing Authority has already included

the application of the Smart Site Safety System as a requirement in construction contracts

We hope this can help project teams

to better control and manage risks

ensuring that construction processes are both safe and efficient

The Housing Authority will continue to apply smart technologies more broadly

to strengthen site monitoring and raise safety levels

“Caring” is one of the Housing Authority’s core values

I hope our business partners share our caring spirit

and spare no effort in promoting site safety and health

and value and care for frontline workers

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to

our officiating guests and speakers

friends from the industry and the academia

to attend and support this important annual event

amidst their busy schedules

By working together

we shall establish a robust safety culture in the industry

for the benefit of the society

Thank you all

Thank you for watching

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