

Narrator VO: Here is the footage from “Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts” , which was held on May 12, 2014

The speaker is Mr. YIM Yu Chau Acting Assistant Director (Development & Procurement) of Housing Department

He is now delivering a welcoming address

Welcome, fellow colleagues and contractors. I think the Master of Ceremony has given a detailed speech. I guess few seminars will start by telling you the fire evacuation route so that you can get prepared. Well, actually there had been a fire in this venue, so if the fire alarm bell rings or visual fire alarm flashes, you need to keep calm and judge if it is a false fire alarm instead of running away. Safety on a new works construction site is the main theme of today’s seminar,

we have experts and construction industry practitioners to share with us their experiences.

We will start from a sharing by a colleague of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, and then an expert from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University will introduce us some new technologies.

Hong Kong is so densely populated and crowded that many drainage systems, water pipes, gas pipelines and electricity pipelines are laid underground.

Though we can locate water pipeline routes by referring to drawings but most of the time we can only get the drawings in the last minute and then ask architects what to do if the location of a drain doesn’t match with the drawing.

Of course, some architects will ask why we don’t drill a trial pit to locate the drain instead of sticking to the drawing. All these problems will impede work progress, create arguments or even result in near miss or accidents which we would not like to see.

Hope the experts could share with us new technologies to assist our work, such as surveying the underground conditions of the construction sites without drilling a trial pit or road excavation.

Besides, we have to learn from past experiences and adopt all possible measures to prevent recurrence of accidents.

Safety is the top priority in the Housing Department's works.

Now, let's pass the time to our guest speakers. All the best.