

Here is the footage from “Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts” organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority on 28 October 2015.

The speaker is Mr Timothy Chee-tim Lau, Senior Manager (Safety and Health) of the Housing Department. He is now delivering a welcoming address.

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Fellows of the industry, guests and colleagues,
good afternoon.

Welcome to today’s Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts.

I would like to take this opportunity
to express my gratitude to all participating organisations,
including the Labour Department and the Occupational Safety & Health Council (OSHC),
as well as guest speakers and all participants.

Thank you very much for your generous support
which makes possible the successful staging of the seminar.

We have a rich programme today.

In the first part,

the OSHC will illustrate the results of the safety audits and surprise inspections conducted in Q2
and Q3 of this year,

and will share with you good practices.

It is hoped that workers can go to work happily
and return home safely.

Next, colleagues from the OSHC will present
a progress update on

the Housing Authority Occupational Injury and Disease Surveillance System.

The system is scheduled to be launched in early 2016,
and before that,

suitable training will be provided to contractors.

I leave it to colleagues from the OSHC to present this in detail.

After the break, in the second part of the seminar,
we will have five thematic talks.

The colleagues from the Labour Department will discuss a familiar topic,
namely “Safety Measures for Working at Height”.

Unfortunately, in the past few days,

two workers have died from falls while working at height.

We hope you can learn from experience and information

and do your utmost to reduce or prevent accidents caused by working at height.

Over the past year,

the safety auditing system has been simplified with the efforts of industry stakeholders
and colleagues from the OSHC.

Some unnecessary terms and documents are no longer required.

It allows more time for frontline safety officers to inspect construction sites.

Colleagues from the OSHC will go over the details with you.

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colleagues from the OSHC will illustrate the details of the amended
Housing Authority Safety Auditing for Building Services Contractors.

If you attended the 2015 Site Safety Forum for Works Contracts held earlier this year,
you will be aware of the Pointing and Calling Award Competition.

Today, colleagues from the OSHC will show you the posters produced jointly by the Housing Authority and OSHC. These posters will be distributed to contractors on the Housing Authority approved list along with the Authority's "Health and Safety Alert". The poster will also be available for download on the Housing Authority Site Safety Website. We hope you could use these slogans on the site to enhance worker's concentration in a bid to reduce the number of accidents caused by human error in high risk work. In the last thematic talk, colleagues from the Housing Department will go over the key audit findings of site safety. I urge you to share what you have learnt today with your colleagues in order to promote safety operations. We will also upload highlights of today's seminar to the Housing Department Site Safety Website for your reference, as well as for the benefit of industry fellows who cannot attend the seminar today. Thank you.
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