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Here is the footage from

“Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts”

organised by the Hong Kong Housing Authority on 26 April 2016.

This is the first Q & A session.

The speakers, from left to right, were

Mr Stephen King-chi Lam, Senior Architect of the Housing Department

Mr Timothy Chee-tim Lau, Senior Manager (Safety and Health) of the Housing Department,

and Mr Jack Fong, Senior Consultant of the Occupational Safety & Health Council (OSHC).

Mr Fong,

Since 1 April, HASAS 1.5.1 has been implemented.

Can you tell us the main differences between the two versions?

Version 1.5.1 has been implemented since 1 April.

We start to receive some feedback reports.

The main difference is that the documents are simplified, indeed this is our main purpose.

Some criteria do not require as many supporting documents.

The auditors are following that up.

Also, some criteria have been modified.

We have illustrated the details at the previous briefing,

so I won't go into details now.

Perhaps the contractors could communicate more with the auditors during the audit process.

Thanks Mr Fong.

Mr Lam, I also visited Singapore earlier.

I saw a photo of Garden by the Bay,

showing how the two glass domes there are cleaned.

How exactly is that done?

If you look at the photo,
you can see that they use a gondola.
The gondola moves along rails installed along the curve of the domes,
so that the exterior walls can be cleaned.
In Singapore, green walls are very common,
and they are cleaned in different ways.
It is crucial to provide maintenance access from the rear.
If the access is connected to staircases or car park,
it is even more convenient.
If you have no further questions, we will have a short break.