

It is 12:15 now

It is lunchtime

Members can raise up the questions to the representatives of the Labour Department and OSHC.

Please ask questions.

We shall hold this kind of seminars twice per year.

Usually in April, or in between October and November,  
a large scale of seminar will be held in July,

Two seminars per year.

We would like to share with you the findings from our safety auditing system and surprise safety inspection programme.

Apart from the two sets of tools which I mentioned before, site safety monitoring is also relied on the PASS Assessment.

Frontline staff are required to conduct inspections.

Merit will be given to the one who is doing well on it.

On the contrary, your mark will be deducted.

It serves to drive our contractors towards the goal of site safety.

I would like to ask about the Labour Department's guidelines on bamboo scaffolding.

Competent persons

need to have the qualifications of skilful workers (trade test certificates).

However in the middle of this year, there were a number of experienced workers, they registered as skilled workers by taking an oath only.

If a worker registers as a skilled worker for bamboo scaffolding through an oath, does it comply with the requirement?

Can he become a competent person via the above action?

Thank you for your question.

I would like to clarify the said question first.

To define the workers are competent or well trained,  
the Government is now implementing a registration system.

Many workers with years of working experience do not have trade test certificate, but under the registration regulations, we can accept it by the oath.

If the worker has worked in the industry for more than ten years,  
he can register as a skilled worker after the oath

and then receive a trade test certificate.

Many workers enrolled in the training course of Construction Industry Council (CIC) in the past,

They studied full-time courses of scaffolder and then got the trade test certificates.

Judging from the certificate, it is difficult to distinguish whether the worker

obtained it by taking an oath or completing a course.

From the angle of the Labour Department,

if the worker gets a trade test certificate for bamboo scaffolding via oathing,  
can he become a competent person?

Not only for those who hold trade test certificates,

you need to consider his working experience after the training.

His previous training met the qualification of the trade test certificate,  
he is also a competent person

Apart from training, experience is also important.

we also need to consider whether the worker possesses 10-year experience.

Qualified with trade test certificate with not less than 10 years of relevant  
experience,

according to the Labour Department's Code of Practice, he is a competent person.

Thank you.

Are there any other questions?

Thank you for coming.