

Here is the footage of

“Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts”

which was held on 7 November 2018

by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

Topic is Questions & Answers

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Housing Department Audit Unit

OSHC’s Surprise Safety Inspection Programme or incident reports

do raise your questions now

Every year, we organise 2 such seminars

We hope to be helpful

After all, you spent a few hours attending the seminar

We want to get safety messages across to you

It is important to prevent site accidents

There have been 3 fatal accidents already so far this year

Our Deputy Director (Development & Construction) DD(DC) is very concerned

It is slightly more than a month before the year ends

Let’s hope for blessings for site safety

With 3 new project fatal accidents and another involving repair & maintenance

it is a record breaking 4

It has never been so serious in the past 10 years

Any questions or opinions?

A question from the back

Would Mr. Wat take the question, please?

A while ago in Hong Kong

an elevating work platform used in street lamp installation collapsed

Its arm was extended excessively, lost balance and collapsed

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If the detection system of the elevating work platform

can detect excessive extension

it can stop or keep the platform balanced

Would you recommend installing such a system?

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Can it be done? I would like to understand

If this elevating work platform is on a vehicle

All manufacturers, if they follow

the European standard EN280 design

there's a design framework with a limit switch

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When the system detects any operation outside the safety range

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operation will be stopped

If it does not stop, it must have been tampered with

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Would Mr. Lau please take this question?

It was mentioned just now that main contractors are required to report accidents

If they don't report

how can Housing Authority find out?

If violation is detected, what are the consequences?

I mentioned briefly just now

Labour Department (LD) provides SIS

to our Safety and Health Unit (SHU)

for EMD maintenance and improvement works contracts

or new works contracts

We will be the first one to receive everything

Upon receiving them, we will check the records

If in our system, there's no record of an incident report

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we will follow up with the project team

A few cases are under investigation now

The project teams are working hard

to get details from the contractor

Why is there no report from the contractor

Most of the time, contractors claimed that

the worker is nowhere to be found

or the worker was late in reporting, or it's a suspicious case

We have seen many contractors

sending similar replies to the project teams

Upon receiving a reply, we will first seek to understand

before making a judgment

The Internet is very powerful

It's unlikely to evade Internet tracking

All eyes are watching, videos can be uploaded on the Internet

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Then, someone might direct me to it

“Mr. Lau, do watch it! I have sent you a video”

After watching, my colleagues and I will follow up at once

Which site?

It is difficult to evade responsibility

Thus, the most important thing is to prevent accidents

Manage your own site carefully

It is impossible to escape all watchful eyes

I hope I have answered your question

Any other opinion on operation or other issues?

If there are no more questions

thank you for your presence today

There will be another seminar next April

Looking forward to your continual support

Thank you for watching