

Here is the footage from
Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts
which was held on 11 December 2020

Now is the 1st Question and Answer Session

First we would like to invite Mr Cheung from the OSHC
to answer our first question

It is about surprise safety inspections

You mentioned that you would meet workers or their foremen

Under what conditions would you need to meet them?

To everyone being asked to meet may sound daunting

In fact we would just like to understand more

Because some friends of the industry say that
workers may behave strangely all of a sudden

So we want to know whether their understanding is true or not

In the past we had a few cases where we saw workers
behaving dangerously on site that posed a risk to themselves

Or similar to a previous lifting operation

where a skip was lifted above the heads of other workers
which posed a risk to them

In these cases we would meet them

Most construction sites were very co-operative
and tried to arrange that particular worker and their foreman
to meet us in the meeting room

What we usually do is that we spare some time to
find out if they know the work standards

and try to ask why they have not followed

We also hope that our Housing Authority (HA) colleagues
when they hold 'pointing and calling' meetings afterwards
they ask the contractor to promise to make improvements

This is our suggestion

As we said before time is limited

how do we meet construction site colleagues in the future?

We will be trying to create more opportunities to meet

so even when the workers in question are not present

but if it is clear the site condition is due to someone's default
we will try to find and meet him or her

This is one direction we will be pursuing

Another one is that

In finding the reason for an incident we want to know
how long has this worker been working on this site?

As colleagues or friends might say he came suddenly

By 'suddenly' did he turn up on site only today?

Or has he been here for two weeks?

Did we observe similar behaviour in previous inspection
or Work Safety Behaviour (WSB) observation?

We do not have to focus on the individual specifically
maybe this work process or behaviour in itself

is a direction worth exploring further

I hope that based on our sharing today

we can show more care and concern to our workers

Under what circumstances was it impossible

for them to perform to standard?

They might know the rules but could not follow
them under certain circumstances

Or maybe the worker's friends laughed at him

teasing him for doing something dumb

for fastening his safety harness

Maybe that was the reason behind the non-compliance

Or maybe the foreman faced some management difficulties

You can tell HA through us

and we will also inform the contract officer too

Thank you

Thank you Mr Cheung

Our next question is for the HKCA

It is about the VR training that you talked about

Can we join the VR training for free via the HKCA

and how do we apply?

If you are interested in the free version of the training

we have discussed with the Development Bureau and the CIC

There is a short version

that is being shared on a secure platform

If you register on the CIC platform then you can access and

do the short version of the training for free

But if you want to try all three versions of the VR training

that I talked about

which are metal scaffolding formwork and maintenance

you can contact the HKCA

We can lend it to you and let you try

If you want to own a copy of these three training programmes

then you need to contact VTM Digital the supplier

If you would like all three complete versions

it is around \$30000 including the VR glasses

Feel free to contact the HKCA if you like to try it for free

If you have registered with the CIC download the short version

It is quite simple. Thank you Mary

We only have limited time so I will ask one more question

It is for Mr Hui from Yau Lee

How many wall mounted catch fans are needed for each building?

Does the installation affect or extend the work processes on site?

Thank you for your question

Apart from our site at Fat Tseung Street

we have another building under construction

and one of its sides is quite close to public facilities as well

It is near the ventilation shaft of the MTR

On the side that is closest to other buildings

We have installed two wall mounted catch fans

And two are really enough

As for whether it affects our overall construction work

The wall mounted catch fans are installed beneath the working floors

so they do not materially affect our work on the working floors

It needs some time to elevate the wall mounted catch fans

but from observation it only takes around 30 to 45 minutes

so its impact is limited

Thank you