

This is a clip from the 16 January 2024 recording of the
Hong Kong Housing Authority
"Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts"

The first Q&A session

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The first question is for

Dr Winson Yeung, Principal Consultant of the Occupational Safety and Health Council

Many industry peers are interested in innovative OSH technologies

What plans or activities will the OSHC have

to promote the latest OSH innovations and applications in the industry?

Thank you for the question

On 7 and 8 March 2024 (Thursday and Friday)

at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

the OSHC will host the first OSH Innovation and Technology Expo

The Expo will include both conference and exhibitions

focusing on how to apply new technologies

Over 20 local and overseas speakers will join the conference

from well-known companies

such as Alibaba, IBM, Microsoft, and SenseTime

Apart from conferences

the Expo also set up an exhibition

with numerous exhibitors

each featuring dozens of exhibition booths

showcasing applications of AI and IoT

and exoskeleton robotics

We hope the combination of conferences and exhibitions
will help everyone better understand
how technology can enhance OSH performance
If you have time, please visit the OSHC website
to learn more about this large-scale OSH innovation and technology expo
to be held on 7 and 8 March 2024 at the Convention and Exhibition Centre
We hope for your support and participation, thank you

Thank you, Dr Yeung

The second question is for Mr Timothy Wan, Senior Structural Engineer
and Mr Ng, Structural Engineer of the Housing Department
The Housing Department has strengthened the control of temporary works
which appears to add a significant workload for contractors
Will this enhanced control measures have major impacts
on the cost and time of future works contracts?

Let me respond first
As introduced earlier
the Housing Department has strengthened the monitoring of temporary works
The contracts already contain
monitoring requirements
What we have done is to consolidate them
making them clearer and more centralised
and adding some new requirements
These new requirements mainly target
certain high-risk temporary works
For such high-risk items
it is worthwhile to spend more time and care to ensure its safety
Even one accident is one too many

As part of the industry

whenever there is news of an incident

we also feel discouraged

Why do accidents keep happening in construction?

That is why we hope everyone can take one more step

to strengthen safety monitoring

As for whether these requirements will affect the contract period

If the requirements are clearly listed

and contractors are given enough time to prepare

we believe they will not cause significant delays

In fact, they can allow the Housing Department as supervisors

and the contractors to better coordinate

making the entire construction better

while ensuring safety and reducing accidents

Mr Wan, do you have anything supplementary?

No, nothing to add

Thank you for watching

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