

This is a clip from the 26 April 2024 recording of the

Hong Kong Housing Authority

"Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts"

The speaker on stage is Mr Max WONG

Assistant Director of Housing Department (Projects)(3)

He will give the welcome address

(00:19)

Good afternoon distinguished guests, industry stakeholders and online participants

Good afternoon, colleagues.

Once again, welcome to today's Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts

We have a total of 680 participants joining us both onsite and online

an enthusiastic response that clearly demonstrates how seriously everyone takes site safety

Welcome, everyone. As you know, in recent weeks

many accidents or incidents have attracted attention

including issues with bamboo scaffolding, fires, or confined spaces

Although colleagues at the Housing Authority are well aware, these incidents remind us that
how to promote site safety

is to adopt a three-pronged approach

by enhancing contractual requirements and management

in procurement systems and performance monitoring

as well as promoting training and research

We are currently in a phase of sharing experiences

No matter how much we do in these aspects

it never seems enough

In fact, just before coming here, I signed three safety alerts

issued by the Construction Industry Council, covering various aspects which were prompted by recent accidents or incidents in the industry serving as important reminders for everyone

So today is also an excellent opportunity for us to share experiences and hopefully elevate the standards of site safety

First, most construction sites today are congested

In particular, bamboo scaffolding is still widely used yet accidents sometimes continue to occur

As mentioned earlier these have resulted in tragic loss of life

The Labour Department recently revised the Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety which will take effect in October

So today, we are honoured to have Mr. TSE Chun-ming, Divisional Occupational Safety Officer from the Labour Department

explain the key points for the safe use of bamboo scaffolding and the latest revisions to the safety guidelines

This will help us revisit and reinforce best practices collectively raising awareness of bamboo scaffolding safety

Beyond this, another hot topic is the push for innovative technology

For construction contracts at the end of last year we implemented requirements for smart safety technology further solidifying smart safety measures in site management

Today, we are also privileged

to have Assistant Director of Transcendence Company Limited

Mr Chris GUAN

to share insights on smart site safety systems for construction sites

how they are implemented on-site

and to help everyone understand

whether the significant resources invested in this area

are yielding results

or how we can further improve

Please do pay attention to Mr. Guan's presentation later

Additionally

we take site safety very seriously

which is why every quarter

in collaboration with the Occupational Safety and Health Council

We conduct audits and surprise safety inspections

under the new works contracts

Beyond identifying shortcomings

this also allows direct communication

with frontline site personnel

enhancing their safety awareness

Later, familiar faces from OSHC

Mr. Steve HU and Mr. Jack FONG

will analyse the findings

for Quarter 4 of 2023 and Quarter 1 of 2024

on the Housing Authority's Safety Auditing System and the Surprise Safety Inspection

Programme

They will share good practices in the audit results

as well as some shortcomings

Of course, after the seminars and sharing sessions

there will be a Q&A session

I hope everyone can make good use of this opportunity

to engage with the speakers

to gain even more information

and share these safety messages

with your project teams and colleagues

to spread safety awareness together

and in turn, enhance the safety standards on site

thank you

Thank you for watching

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