Notes of Liaison Meeting between Fire Services Department and the Authorized Persons

Date: 24 February 2016 (Wednesday)

Time : 1500 hours

Venue: Fire Services Department

Fire Safety Command Headquarters

Conference Room, North Wing, 7/F, FSHQ Building, 1 Hong Chong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon.

Present:	Dr. S.H. LO	(Chairman)	FSD
	Mr. W.H. TSANG		***
	Mr. N.C. KOON		***
	Mr. C.S. CHAN		"
	Mr. W.C. LAW		***
	Mr. S.H. LAM		***
	Mr. S.Y. WAN		11
	Ms C.W. MA		11
	Mr. Paul LI	(Secretary)	***
	Ir C.K. WONG		HKIE
	Ir Gabriel YU		HKIE
	Ir Benny LAI		HKIE
	Ir Elmen CHU		HKIE
	Mr. Artur AU YEUNG		HKIA
	Mr. Ivan HO		HKIA
	Mr. Andrew KUNG		HKIS

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1. **Opening Remarks**

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed all to the meeting, in particular, Mr. Artur AU YEUNG and Mr. Ivan HO, representatives from HKIA, who attended the meeting for the first time.

2. <u>Confirmation of Notes of the Last Meeting</u>

The notes of the last meeting were confirmed without further comments.

3. <u>Matters Arising from the Last Meeting</u>

3.1 Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme

- 3.1.1 Mr. W.C. LAW updated the meeting that the Fire Services (Amendment)
 Bill concerning the implementation of the RFE Scheme was gazetted on
 4.12.2015.
- 3.1.2 The 1st reading and the commencement of 2nd reading of the Bill were held at LegCo on 16.12.2015. A Bills Committee had been formed to further examine the Bill.

3.2 Protected Access Routes for Firemen

- 3.2.1 Mr. C.S. CHAN briefed that Buildings Department (BD) had indicated similar concerns with FSD and BD would no longer accept projects with fireman's lift with point of discharge other than a protected lobby, if the first approval of its general building plan was not on or before 31.12.2015.
- 3.2.2 For projects with approval of the general building plan on or before 31.12.2015, Authorized Persons might propose suitable mitigation measures for consideration. FSD would pragmatically consider each project on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.2.3 As further discussion was not required, the meeting agreed to delete this discussion item at the next meeting.

3.3 <u>FSI Requirements for Buildings with Lifts Serving Direct to Occupancy</u>

3.3.1 Mr. C.S. CHAN told the meeting that the proposed FSI requirements for lifts directly discharging to individual unit had been discussed in the FSD/FSICA Liaison Meeting and FSSAG Liaison Meeting on 8.12.2015

and 17.12.2015 respectively. The requirements were generally supported by members of both meetings.

3.3.2 An information paper with details of the proposed FSI requirements had been circulated on 25.1.2016 to members of the FSD/AP Liaison Meeting, FSD/FSICA Liaison Meeting and FSSAG Meeting for their information and comment. A few technical/textual comments were received and the requirements would be fine-tuned. Further advice would be sought from EMSD and a FSD Circular Letter with implementation details would be promulgated in due course.

3.4 Gate Valve Management System for Fire Hydrant /Hose Reel System

3.4.1 Mr. N.C. KOON updated that the draft circular letter had been fine-tuned after consolidating the comments and views from various stakeholders including members of the FSSAG, FSICA & HKAPMC.

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4. <u>Any Other Business</u>

4.1 <u>Introduction to Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme</u> (樓字維修綜合支援計劃)

4.1.1 <u>Secretary</u> briefed that starting from 1.7.2015, URA had taken up the role to handle all applications from the one-stop Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme (IBMAS), for the provision of financial assistance and technical support to property owners.

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- 4.1.2 Under this scheme, owners could simply complete one set of application forms for making multiple applications, including "Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners (長者維修自住物業津貼計劃)" administered by HKHS and "Building Safety Loan Scheme (BSLS) (樓宇安全貸款計劃)" administered by the Buildings Department.
- 4.1.3 Secretary went on to brief the meeting on the scope covered by IBMAS and BSLS.

5. Date of Next Meeting

5.1 The next meeting will be held in May 2016 and details of meeting would be advised in due course.

All members

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