

Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons

Date : 28 February 2014 (Friday)
Time : 1530 hours
Venue : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

Matters Discussed in the Meeting :

1. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme

DD of FS and DS for S have attended the Policy Committee meeting held on 27 November 2013. The proposal of the introduction of a Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme was discussed and endorsed in the meeting. A working Group headed by CFO(FS) will take forward all the preparatory work required for the implementation of the RFE Scheme. A work plan which aimed at introducing the legislative amendments bill into the LegCo in the 4th Quarter of 2015 had been worked out and endorsed by the senior management of FSD. A meeting was also held with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) on 14 February 2014 to discuss on the composition of the Registration Committee and the Disciplinary Panel.

2. Protected Access Routes for Firemen

Favorable comments on the issue were received from members of respective building professional bodies in the last Technical Committee meeting on Review of the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings held on 17 January 2014. The BD would put forward the issue and comments to senior level for consideration.

In the meeting, members raised concerns on a specific commentary wording regarding the protected access routes for firemen. Although members generally agreed that hazardous routing should be avoided to protect the firemen, they consider the comment “as short as possible” would result in strict implementation from Buildings Department (BD). Members were suggested to reflect their specific comment to BD through corresponding HKIE or HKIA representatives.

3. **Measures to Reduce Nuisance Caused by Unwanted Alarms**

There were over 20,000 unwanted alarm cases in each year since 2006. Should the stakeholders of the building industry be entrusted by the building owners / management to reduce nuisance caused by unwanted alarms in any premises, they might wish to submit applications to the FSD on the possible measures.

4. **Improvement Measures for Building Plan Processing**

A seminar with main theme on 'Building Plan Processing by FSD' had been successfully held on 13 February 2014. Representative from BD also provided a brief talk on 'Submission of Fire Engineering Report'. The event attracted over 180 members from the AAP, HKIA, HKIE & HKIS to enthusiastically attend and participate in the experience sharing session.

Certain improvement measures for building plan processing were briefed to members and members were requested to disseminate them within their respective professional bodies.

5. **Compliance inspections on FSI with approved final amended GBP**

It was recently recorded in the period between end of November 2013 and end of December 2013 that 12 submissions of form FSI/501 were with their final amended GBP yet to be approved by the New Projects Division. In view of the legal ground for FSI compliance inspection was on the basis of section 21 of the Building Ordinance CAP 123 subsection 6(d), the compliance inspection on FSI must be based on the final amended GBP, otherwise the result of the compliance inspection based on the invalid expired GBP might also become invalid with the subsequent approval on the final amended GBP. To strictly follow the legal requirement, amongst the aforesaid submissions of FSI/501, some cases were formally rejected.

In this connection, all members were cordially invited to extend the related requirements on the completion of approval GBP prior to the submission of form FSI/501 to the organisations they were representing for facilitating their project administration and the effective and

efficient handling of applications for compliance inspection by the Department.

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