

## **Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons**

**Date** : 28 August 2014 (Thursday)  
**Time** : 1530 hours  
**Venue** : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

### **Matters Discussed in the Meeting :**

#### **1. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme**

A meeting was made with the Hong Kong Registered Ventilation Contractor Association (RVCA) on 18.6.2014. It was noted that some members of the RVCA still worried about the potential adverse impact on their business opportunities from the implementation of the RFE scheme. They were rest assured that the business impact assessment conducted by an independent consultant had addressed the issue and the study considered that the impact would be minimal to them.

As requested by RVCA, a kick-off meeting on the top-up fire engineering course for RSC(V) between SCOPE of City U and RVCA was held on 22.7.2014. In response to the request from RVCA, representatives of FSD attended the meeting to introduce both parties to each other and briefed them of the RFE Scheme background as well as the progress of the implementation work. It was emphasized that in determining the eligibility for applying for registration as RFE(Vent), FSD needed to strike a good balance among the diverse considerations of FSD, ERB and other stakeholders. Since the registration criteria of RFE were yet to be submitted to LegCo for scrutiny, the fire engineering training course identified by FSD was essentially to help members of the RVCA to develop their profession. RVCA was reminded that successful completion of the course might not guarantee the application eligibility for RFE(Vent) automatically.

#### **2. Protected Access Routes for Firemen**

This issue was tabled for further discussion in previous Technical Committee Meeting on the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings of the Buildings Department held on 31.7.2014. While all

committee members unanimously agreed with the provision of protected connection between fireman's lift lobby and protected exit route in all buildings, the wording of the commentary would be further consulted by circulation.

A member proposed that a maximum distance for the protected route should be specified for clarity. While members understood that the issue should be left for the Technical Committee's decision, they discussed the merits and demerits of setting various maximum distances. In the course of discussion, some members suggested that the maximum distances could be set at 18m or 32m for the consideration of the Building Authority.

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

As further discussion was not required, the meeting agreed to delete the item at the next meeting.

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

A FSD Circular Notice "Improvement Measures for Processing of General Building Plans by Fire Services Department" dated 17.6.2014 documenting the improvement measures launched by FSD recently had been issued to all Authorized Persons.

In respect of the improvement measure regarding "Notification Arrangement with the Buildings Department", the Buildings Department (BD) had completed the technical preparation and the measures had been launched with effect from 3.7.2014.

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