

Summary of Notes of 22nd Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 21.10.2009)

1 Notices for Submission of Annual Inspection Certificates (AIC)

A total of 55 AICs with mistakes were received in the past 3 months with 23 nos. on item 8 – Premises type missing/incorrect, 11 nos. on item 7 – Address not tally with record.

2 Third Party Fire Safety Certification Scheme

The revised consultation paper was being fine tuned and it would be sent to various stakeholders for consultation in due course.

3 Pre-insulated Duct System

An accredited laboratory was identified in Hong Kong which could carry out stiffness test on insulated ductboard in accordance with BS EN 13403: 2003 and it was commented that the R2 class for the insulated ductboard had been commonly adopted in European countries for a long time and Hong Kong should be in line with the international trend.

FSD reiterated that the existing legislation stipulated the material of air duct should be G.I. or other material with equivalent strength and the strength of the R3 class ductboard was on par with that of G.I. sheets commonly used for air duct fabrication. Nevertheless, the feasibility of adopting R2 class as the acceptable standard would be considered.

4 Certification of Ventilating System in New Building

FSD reported that inspection of ventilating systems in new buildings was stopped since mid-1990 with the promulgated of FSD Circular Letter No.1(Vent)/90. In order to remind APs of the need to install ventilation system in accordance with the requirements detailed in relevant FSD Circular Letter, a letter to that effect had already been issued to HKIA recently.

5 Uploading of Past Circular letters and General letters

FSD reported that the old Circular Letters on Ventilating Systems as well as general letters to all RSC(V)s would be uploaded to FSD web site in phases for reference by the public.

6 AIC Audit Check

FSD stated that the design of the AIC audit checks scheme was not to pin-point a selected group of RSC(V)s. However, if a RSC(V) issued a large number of AICs within a short period, the chance that he was selected for audit would inevitably be higher and this might lead to the incorrect perception that some RSC(V)s were repeatedly audited. In addition, if the performance of a RSC(V) was revealed to be in doubt during AIC audit check, his work would be monitored more closely by carrying out more frequent audit checks on the AICs issued by him. FSD also stated that a pragmatic and flexible approach would be adopted by the Inspectorate Officers in conducting audit checks of AICs

7 Fire Damper for Ventilation Duct facing Light Well

As stipulated in the Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction 1996 and confirmed with BD, provided that a spandrel (with a FRP of not less than that of the intervening floor) of not less than 900 mm in height is provided to separate the ventilation opening from the floor below, such opening need not be protected by fire damper.