

Summary of Notes of 23rd Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 28.1.2010)

1 Notices for Submission of Annual Inspection Certificates (AIC)

A total of 40 AICs with mistakes were received in the past 3 months with 17 nos. on item 7 – Address not tally with record and 7 nos. on item 8 – Premises type missing/incorrect,.

2 Third Party Fire Safety Certification Scheme

The revised consultation paper was now completed and it would be sent to relevant government departments/bureaus for the collection of comments.

3 Pre-insulated Duct System

Regarding the use of the pre-insulated duct as an alternative material for air duct construction, FSD pointed out that there might be a need to seek clarifications from the Department of Justice on the interpretation of the regulations, i.e. Cap. 123J and 132CE, governing the use of materials for the fabrication of air ducts and would report for further progress.

4 Certification of Ventilating System in New Building

BD and FSD had discussed the possible instigation of a pilot scheme to inspect ventilating systems in new buildings before occupation. The scheme was still in a rudimentary stage and BD would consult the relevant stakeholders before bringing the case further.

5 Uploading of Past Circular letters and General letters

The uploading of old Circular Letters on Ventilating Systems as well as general letters to all RSC(V)s to the FSD web site was now underway.

6 AIC Audit Check

FSD pointed that the description of defects in some AICs with defects were ambiguous and sometimes misleading. In some cases, only a completed checklist for ventilating installation was attached without giving details of the defects, whereas in others, “defective” fire dampers needing replacement was later found during audit inspection that minor touch-up could restore them to normal working order. It was emphasized that the details and remarks given in the AICs should be clear and precise to reflect the actual condition of the ventilation installation revealed during inspection.

7 Fire Damper for Ventilation Duct facing Light Well

FSD elaborated that external ventilation opening separated by spandrel of a height more than 900 mm from the floor below need not be protected by fire damper. HKRVCA would follow up with some typical cases.