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To : Recipients of FSD Circular Letters

Dear Sirs/Madams,

FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2013
Guidelines on Formulation of Fire Safety Requirements
for New Railway Infrastructures (English Version)

This Circular Letter is served to announce the promulgation of the “Guidelines on Formulation of Fire Safety Requirements for New Railway Infrastructures” (Guidelines), specifically developed for reference by railway corporations, fire engineering consultants and the concerned stakeholders.

The Guidelines has incorporated the essential fire safety measures of various railway lines under construction in Hong Kong with due regard to past experience and relevant international standards on railway safety. It provides general guidance on how to formulate appropriate fire safety requirements for new railway projects and associated infrastructures with unique and complex design.

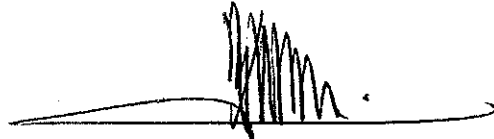
The Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the current Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment (April 2012 Edition), FSD Circular Letters and the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 issued by the Buildings Department (BD). Notwithstanding the above, the provision of fire safety measures in respect of any particular case may vary having regard to other pertinent factors and circumstances.

The general fire safety measures relating to Means of Access (MoA), Means of Escape (MoE) and Fire Resisting Construction (FRC) stipulated in the Guidelines should be subject to the final satisfaction and agreement of BD on a case-by-case basis. In other words, compliance with the fire safety requirements stipulated in the Guidelines should not be taken as deemed-to-comply with the prescriptive requirements for achieving an adequate level of fire safety in buildings as stipulated in the Buildings Ordinance, which are under the jurisdiction of BD.

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Electronic version of the Guidelines in English is available on the FSD website : <http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/safety.html> whilst production of the Chinese version is underway. Hard copy of the Guidelines will be made available by end of this month. Details will be announced vide another Circular Letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of vertical, slightly wavy lines of varying heights, followed by a horizontal line that curves upwards at the right end.

(NG Kuen-chi)
for Director of Fire Services