

**FSD Connects with the Construction Industry**  
**to Speed up Building Plan Processing and Acceptance Inspection of FSI**

A briefing was conducted to the Construction Industry by FSD on 24 November 2017 with the attendance of AP, RFSIC and other building professionals/stakeholders as well as representatives from government departments. The presentation is now uploaded for the trade's reference. Apart from the enhancement measures taken by FSD, the main feature of the presentation includes a detailed analysis of real rejected cases for better illustration.

While the improvement measures adopted by FSD as given in the presentation may help expedite the process in part, cooperation from building professionals and the trade is no less important for ensuring the statutory procedures of processing GBPs and acceptance inspection of FSI are carried out in an efficient manner. Drawing from the experience in recent years, FSD has identified several areas in which the building professionals could contribute to speed up the process for a timely delivery of building projects, namely –

- (i) ensuring quality building plan submissions to avoid repeated rejections and re-submission due to avoidable errors and omissions in the plans;
- (ii) confirming the necessity of the adoption of performance-based approach at the early stage of the project and submitting relevant engineering reports to FSD for assessment and approval as soon as practicable. As it requires a considerable amount of time for FSD to assess, with due care and diligence, whether the fire safety standard under the performance-based approach is acceptable, bunching of voluminous fire-engineering reports towards the final stage is highly undesirable and would inevitably delay the project delivery; and
- (iii) ensuring FSI have been properly installed and tested in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the relevant Circulars and guidelines before submitting application to FSD for acceptance inspection.

FSD will, in collaboration with the trade, continue its endeavour to achieve swift processing of GBPs and efficient acceptance inspection of FSI, with a view to facilitating a shorter property development cycle.