To: All property management companies

Dear Sir / Madam,

**GENERAL NOTICE : Maintenance of Fire Service Installations and Equipment**

I am writing to seek your assistance in ensuring proper maintenance of fire service installations and equipment (FSI) in buildings under your management.

Recently, there were some incidents involving compressed gas cylinders of FSI and portable fire extinguishers which resulted in fatal and serious injuries. Pursuant to regulation 8 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, Chapter 95B, Laws of Hong Kong, any FSI which is installed in any premises shall be kept in efficient working order at all times and inspected by a Registered Fire Service Installation Contractor (RFSIC) at least once in every 12 months. The lack of proper maintenance of FSI may lead to its failure to function properly or even cause injury or fatality. You are therefore advised to appoint an RFSIC to carry out maintenance of FSI timely. A list of RFSIC is available at the Fire Services Department (FSD)’s website at www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/cert.html.

Apart from annual inspection, portable fire extinguishers shall undergo a hydraulic pressure test at least once in every 5 years and such test shall be carried out by a Class 3 RFSIC. As for compressed gas cylinders of FSI other than portable fire extinguishers, the hydraulic pressure test shall be undertaken by an Approved Person (AP). A list of AP is available at the FSD’s website at www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/source/approved_person_66_67_DGO.pdf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact our Assistant Divisional Officers of the Fire Service Installation Task Force, Licensing and Certification Command, at 2733 4066, 2733 7880 or 2733 4068.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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for Director of Fire Services

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