

## **Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons**

**Date** : 18 March 2010 (Thursday)  
**Time** : 1500 hours  
**Venue** : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

### **Matters Discussed in the Meeting :**

#### **1. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme**

Prior to launching a new round of industry consultation, the revised consultation paper was circulated to 10 government departments/bureaux including EDB, HD, EMSD, TELA, FEHD, BD, SWD, LCSD, ArchSD and HAD for comments on 31.12.2009. In addition, a briefing on the revised Scheme to the said departments/bureaux was held on 20 January 2010 for providing more background information on the proposed changes. The comments from the said departments/bureaux were being collected. Based on the comments, meetings with the bureau/departments would be arranged to discuss the approach of taking forward the initiative.

#### **2. Inspection of Ventilating Systems in New Buildings**

BD had formally requested FSD to assist in inspecting ventilating system of newly constructed buildings before “occupation permit inspections”. FSD would liaise with BD shortly to start off the exercise.

#### **3. Review of Codes of Practice (CoP)**

Views/comments were collating from government departments/professional institutions. As requested by some of the stakeholders, the deadline was extended to 31.3.2010. After collating the views/comments, FSD would then consider the way forward.

#### **4. Floor Numbering**

Buildings Department was reviewing the PNAP 128. FSD opined that the omission of floor was undesirable from FS point of view as it might cause confusion to our operational staff in case of fire/emergency and

thence hamper the operational efficiency.

5. One Stop Centre for Warehouse Construction Permits

Information regarding the time frame for inspection of FSI under the One Stop Centre had already been uploaded onto the FSD website. More information was available from the Efficiency Unit's website under the subject "One Stop Centre for Warehouse Construction Permits".

6. Building Plan Submission regarding A&A Works

BD had recently revised its internal manual - *Practice Note 14 of the New Buildings Division 1 Manual on Processing of Certificate of Completion for A & A Works*. With effect from 16.3.2010, BD would copy the acknowledgement letter SL4A together with the Form BA14 to FSD for information in respect of those completed A&A works fell within the following categories: -

- (a) A&A works which were subject to fire certificates under BOs.16(1)(b); or
- (b) A&A works which were not subject to fire certificates but involved the emergency vehicular access.

7. AP Correspondence List

The meeting noted that BD would notify all APs by email for all new Practice Notes issued. In this regards, the meeting would check with BD to explore if BD could assist FSD in distributing the Circular Letters of FSD to those AP registered under BD.

8. Fire Safety in Performance-based Design Shopping Arcades

There were a number of shopping arcades in HK having adopted performance-based design and with limits set on the maximum design fire load at the arcade/atrium. However, it was often noticed that during festive seasons, such as Christmas, Easter and Chinese New Year, various kinds of combustible decorations and/or temporary structures would be erected for celebration purpose. It was also not uncommon to find that miscellaneous articles such as tables, chairs and advertising promotional panels, etc were from time to time placed underneath the tracks of fire shutters to the extent that the fire shutters were obstructed or could not be closed completely upon actuation in case of fire, which

would defeat the purpose of compartmentation. In this connection, AP members were requested to consider devising some measures in the design stage to prevent obstructions being placed along the tracks of fire shutters.

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