# Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA) <u>held on 8 March 2016</u>

### 1.1 Improvement of Fire Safety under the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance

Members were briefed on the latest inspection statistics.

#### 1.2 Proposal to Improve Fire Safety in Private Buildings

Members were briefed on the latest enforcement statistics.

## 1.3 Checking the Standard of Maintenance Works Carried Out by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (RFSIC)

Members were briefed on the latest statistics related to the surprise checks carried out by FSD.

#### 1.4 Registered Fire Engineer Scheme (RFireE)

The Fire Services (Amendment) Bill concerning the implementation of the RFireE Scheme was gazetted on 4.12.2015. The 1st reading and the commencement of 2nd reading of the Bill were held at LegCo on 16.12.2015. A Bills Committee (BC) had been formed to further examine the bill. Two BC meetings had been conducted on 22.2.2016 and 29.2.2016 respectively.

## 1.5 Commissioning of the Integrated Licensing, fire Safety and Prosecution System (LIFIPS)

The average usage of e-FS 251 in 2015 was 33.36% and the percentage rebounded to 36.89% in January 2016.

#### 1.6 Annual Inspection of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FSIs)

Between December 2015 and February 2016, there were 1,471 advisory letters (ALs) dispatched to the building owners and 627 nos. of FS 251 were received in response to the ALs.

#### 1.7 Provision of reference cost estimation for upgrading FSI of typical old

#### **buildings**

The reply from DoJ was awaiting.

#### 1.8 Review of Workshop Equipment List

A working group (WG) meeting with the representatives of FSICA was held in January 2016. In the meeting, representative of FSICA pointed out that having consulted FSICA members of the relevant trade, it was observed that the detector tester and bending lever were still commonly used in the trade and provided in the market. In the circumstances, the proposed deletion of these equipment in the WG meeting held in October 2015 should be withdrawn. The other workshop equipment were still being reviewed.

#### 1.9 Fire Safety Provisions for Residential Flats with Open Kitchen Design

As no further discussion on the issue was required, the meeting agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

# 1.10 Automatic Actuation Devices for Lifts Not Discharging to Protected Means of Escape (FSI Requirements for Buildings with Lifts Serving Direct to Occupancy)

FSD had circulated an Information Paper "Automatic Actuation Devices (AAD) for Lifts Not Discharging to Protected Means of Escape" to members of the FSD/AP Liaison Meeting, FSICA Liaison Meeting and FSSAG Meeting on 26.1.2016 (The heading of the item had been revised to tie in with the aforesaid Information Paper). Minor technical comments were received from the members. After seeking further advice from the EMSD, a FSD Circular Letter would be issued to announce the implementation of such AAD.

## 1.11 Provision of securing devices to prevent the Stop Valve of FS tank from being tampered or inadvertently turned off

A draft FSD Circular Letter had been submitted to the management of FSD for deliberation. It was envisaged that the relevant FSD Circular Letter would be issued shortly.

## 1.12 Timely Notification of Changes in Registration Particulars by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (RFSICs)

Members were informed that recently certain FSI contractors (FSIC) had issued FS251 certificates not signed by their authorized signatories (AS) or had changed the AS's signature specimen without informing FSD. It was proposed to issue a round of reminders to all Class 1 and 2 FSICs that failure to timely report changes of AS / signature specimens might render the FSIC and the person who signed the certificates liable to the offence of issuing certificates which were false or misleading in a material particular under regulation 9 of Cap. 95B.