

Brief Notes of the
Fire Safety Vetting Committee Meeting 1/2009-11
(9 November 2009)

Matters Discussed

1. Introduction to Fire Safety Vetting Committee (FSVC)

Issues pertaining to the functions and operation of the FSVC and in particular, the involvement of Members in the vetting procedure for processing loan applications on fire safety improvement works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme were discussed in the meeting.

Members were informed that FSD was considering to expand the membership of non-official members to include members of HKIE in the Fire Division as their expertise and experience were comparable to the two existing non-official members.

2. Statistics of Fire Safety Improvement Works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme

The meeting was informed of the statistics on fire safety improvement works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme.

3. FSVC Webpage

The meeting noted that the FSVC webpage had been included in the FSD homepage pulldown menu under “Information Release and “Fire Safety”. It showed the composition, names/post titles of members, the terms of reference and the contact means of the FSVC. A hyperlink to BD on the BSLS and a list of the registered fire service installations contractors were also provided for the reference of the public.

4. Other Subsidy / Loan Scheme for Building Management and Maintenance

Members were updated on the following grants or loans to owners of buildings who would like to carry out maintenance and repair works to reinstate or improve the safety conditions of their buildings:

- (i) Building Safety Loan Scheme (樓宇安全貸款計劃) administered by the Buildings Department;
- (ii) Building Rehabilitation Materials Incentive Scheme (樓宇復修物料資助計劃) administered by the Urban Renewal Authority;
- (iii) Building Management and Maintenance Scheme (樓宇管理維修綜合計劃) administered by the Hong Kong Housing Society;
- (iv) Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners (長者維修自住物業津貼計劃) administered by the Hong Kong Housing Society and
- (v) Operation Building Bright (樓宇更新大行動) administered by the Buildings Department.

5. Loan Cases

In 2007-2009, FSVC had circulated five loan cases to the non-official members for comments. The meeting thanked them for their prompt reply and valuable input on these cases within a very tight timeframe.

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