Summary of Notes of 21st Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting (held on 23.7.2009)

1 Notices for Submission of Annual Inspection Certificates (AIC)

A total of 78 AICs with mistakes were received in the past 3 months with 21 nos. on item 8 – Premises type missing/incorrect, 27 nos. on item 7 – Address not tally with record. There was a slight drop in the total number of AICs with mistakes.

2 Third Party Fire Safety Certification Scheme

The revised consultation paper was being prepared and would be sent to various stakeholders for consultation in due course.

3 Pre-insulated Duct System

It was suggested that the ductboard with a stiffness class R2 as defined in BS EN 13403: 2003 would have a strength comparable to that of GI. sheet used for the fabrication of ductwork associated with FCUs. Since the pre-insulated ductboard had been in production for more than 10 years and manufacturers had proven experience in the product, the trade would further explore the required testing details and equipment for verifying the stiffness class in local laboratories. FSD would study the feasibility of the above proposition.

4 Testing of Fusible Link

In view of the huge quantities of fusible links involved in large projects such as hotel developments, random tests of fusible links were necessary to ensure that a reasonable link quality could be maintained. FSD stressed that the present system of marking approved fusible links with batch number was important in that it could help in the tracing and subsequent recalling of inferior fusible links should samples fail the tests.

5 Law Enforcement Duties

FSD reiterated that the main objective of law enforcement action was to enhance the level of fire safety in Hong Kong by alerting RSC(V)s to be conscientious about the inspection and certification of ventilating systems and reported that law enforcement actions on some cases were in progress.