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To: All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers
Registered General Building Contractors
Registered Minor Works Contractors

Dear Sir / Madam,

5th Amendment of the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 & Motion Sensor Lighting in Required Staircases and Protected Lobbies

5th Amendment

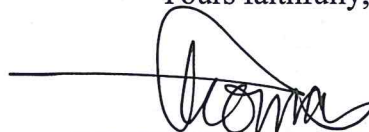
The Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 (FS Code) has been kept under regular review in partnership with professional institutions and stakeholder organisations of the building industry as well as relevant government departments. Today, the 5th amendment to the FS Code was uploaded to the website of the Buildings Department at www.bd.gov.hk. To facilitate the practitioners, FS Code (October 2015 version) incorporating all previous amendments was also uploaded.

Suggestions for improving the FS Code are always welcome.

Motion Sensor Lighting

Opportunity is taken to clarify that it is acceptable under Clause C9.3(d) of the FS Code for the artificial lighting system of required staircases and protected lobbies for the purposes of Clause B5.5 of the FS Code to be equipped with motion sensors, provided that such sensors are solely for momentarily increasing illumination level from 30 lux (required to be provided at all times) to 85 lux when needed in these areas as required under paragraph 72 in Division 16 of the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008.

Yours faithfully,



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