

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

24 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Amendments to Code of Practice for
Structural Use of Concrete 2013**


The Technical Committee (TC) on the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (the Code) set up by the Buildings Department (BD) regularly collects views and feedback received from the practitioners and the stakeholders arising from the use of the Code, and reviews the contents thereof for recommending the necessary update.

2. Having considered the TC's recommendations, certain amendments to the Code (as detailed at Annex) are promulgated with immediate effect from the date of this letter. The amendments have been uploaded to BD website www.bd.gov.hk under the "Code and design manuals" page of the "Resources" section.

3. The major amendments include:

- (a) newly added clause 3.3 of the Code – design requirements for the use of Grade 500A welded fabric;
- (b) table 9.1 and clauses 9.3.1.1 and 9.4.2 of the Code – revision of the design requirements for minimum percentage of reinforcement for elements with different concrete strengths; and
- (c) clause 9.4.1 of the Code – revision of the design requirements for pure cantilevered slab.

Yours faithfully,



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