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To : All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Explanatory Materials to
Code of Practice for the Structural Use of Steel 2011**

I have great pleasure to announce the publication of the Explanatory Materials (EM) to the Code of Practice for the Structural Use of Steel 2011 (the Code).

The EM contains background information and considerations reviewed in the compilation of the Code, and should be read in conjunction with the Code. It aims to provide a concise guidance on the design of steel and steel-concrete composite structures with their theoretical background and original assumptions, sources of reference, limitations and worked examples, whereby the application of the provisions of the Code may require special attention.

The EM is available for viewing in the Buildings Department website <<http://www.bd.gov.hk>> under the “Codes of Practice and Design Manuals” page of the “Publications” section. The document may be downloaded subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in the website.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Buildings