To: All Authorized Persons
    Registered Structural Engineers
    Registered Geotechnical Engineers

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Computer Programs for use
in Structural and Geotechnical Design

As you may be aware that the Buildings Department has issued a number of new Codes of Practice which allow the use of new design methods. In this connection, you are advised to review the computer programs that are used by you for structural and geotechnical designs for submission to the Building Authority, such that these computer programs are compatible to the new Codes of Practice, e.g. the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2004.

I would like to reiterate that users of computer programs should ensure their applicability in individual project, the limitations taken in the analysis, the validity of assumptions, the correctness of mathematical modelling and that the calculations are accurate and the results comply with the appropriate requirements of the Buildings Ordinance and Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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