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

Dear Sir/Madam,

Prevention of Falling Objects from Construction Sites

Recently there were several incidents of falling objects from construction sites that have caused injuries to pedestrians and damage to properties. Such incidents have highlighted the importance of safe working procedures and suitable provision of precautionary measures at construction sites where building works are being carried out.

I therefore write to ask you to strengthen your efforts to ensure that safe working procedures are being followed on site, so as to prevent building materials, tools and other objects from falling onto the street below.

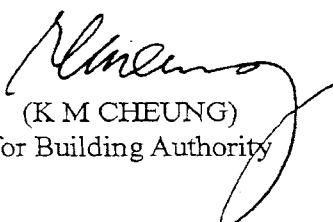
I would also ask you to arrange for the proper provision and maintenance of the precautionary measures for building works, in particular, covered walkways, catch platforms, double layer protective screens, etc., as stipulated in PNAP 224. These precautionary measures should be regularly checked to ensure that they can properly perform their function to protect the pedestrians.

You should also monitor closely the work of your Technically Competent Persons to ensure that site safety supervisions have been properly executed in accordance with the site safety supervision plans, Code of Practice for Site Safety Supervision, and the Technical Memorandum for Supervision Plans.

May I remind you that the dropping of objects from construction sites constitutes a serious offence under the Summary Offences Ordinance and may lead to prosecution/disciplinary actions under the Buildings Ordinance.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping construction sites safe.

Yours faithfully,



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for Building Authority