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

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Code of Practice for
the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and
the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) 2012**

I would like to announce the publication of the final edition of the Code of Practice for the MBIS and the MWIS 2012 (the "Code"). The Code specifies the technical standards and procedural requirements for the Registered Inspectors/Qualified Persons to carry out the building/window inspection and for the Registered Contractors to carry out any necessary repair works, as well as provides guidelines for meeting the requirements of the two mandatory inspection schemes.

Following the publication of the draft version of the Code in August 2011 and the full implementation of the MBIS/MWIS on 30 June 2012, the draft Code has been reviewed to incorporate some revisions corresponding to the provisions of the newly enacted legislations including the Building (Inspection & Repair) Regulation and the Building (Minor Works)(Amendment) Regulation 2011. The Code in English is available for viewing on the website of the Buildings Department <<http://www.bd.gov.hk>> under the "Code of Practice and Design Manuals" page of the "Publication" section. It may be downloaded subject to terms and conditions stipulated in the website. The Chinese version of the Code will be available shortly.

The Code will be reviewed regularly and we welcome suggestions for improvement and enrichment of its contents.

Yours faithfully,



(AU Choi-kai)

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