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To : All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Practice Guidebook on
Compliance with Building Safety Requirements for Adaptive Re-use of and Alteration and
Addition Works to Heritage Buildings under the Buildings Ordinance (Interim Edition)**

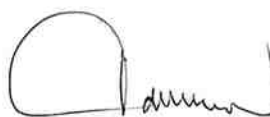
I write to announce the publication of the Practice Guidebook on Compliance with Building Safety Requirements for Adaptive Re-use of and Alteration and Addition Works to Heritage Buildings under the Buildings Ordinance (Interim Edition) [the Practice Guidebook].

The Practice Guidebook provides some practical alternative design solutions on compliance with the building regulations for adaptive re-use of as well as alteration and addition works to heritage buildings. This Interim Edition is compiled based on the experience gained in Hong Kong and some successful overseas heritage conservation projects.

Meanwhile, the Buildings Department is conducting a consultancy study with a view to establishing a more comprehensive set of design guidelines for the compliance with building safety requirements under the Buildings Ordinance so as to facilitate adaptive re-use of and alteration and addition works to heritage buildings.

The Practice Guidebook is available for viewing in the website of the Buildings Department <<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 terms and conditions stipulated in the website.

Yours sincerely,



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