

Summary of Decisions of the Structural Engineering Committee
SEC Meeting 7/2014 held on 15.9.2014

(a) Case 23/2014

Issue: Methodology Report for Wind Tunnel Test

Recommendation: To accept the following methodology and parameters proposed for wind tunnel test of the proposed development:

- (1) Topographic Model
Model scale: 1: 4000
- (2) Proximity Model
 - (i) Model scale: 1: 400
 - (ii) Extent of model: all known existing and proposed surrounding buildings and structures within a radius of 500 m from the subject site will be modeled.
- (3) Wind Climate Study Results
Directional characteristics of typhoons affecting HK based on a Monte Carlo simulation of storms passing within 250km of HK.
- (4) Possible removal of adjacent buildings that could provide significant shelter
Forty-one building groups were proposed to be removed in the Proximity Model.
- (5) Wind Loads Adopted in Superstructure Design
The following in superstructural design were proposed:
 - (i) The finally adopted peak design combined wind moment will not be less than 70% of the peak design wind moment based on code calculation as derived from the design values given in the Code of Practice on Wind Effects in Hong Kong 2004 (the Wind Code).
 - (ii) If the peak design combined wind moment determined in the wind tunnel test is found greater than the peak design wind moment based on code calculation as derived from the design values given in the Wind code, the peak design wind moments determined in the wind tunnel test will be adopted for design.
 - (iii) The storey wind shear adopted for design shall be determined from the peak design combined wind moment established in accordance with sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
 - (iv) The peak building acceleration assessment on human comfort under wind loads shall be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 clause 7.3.2. Limiting maximum peak acceleration at the top occupied floor of a residential building to 0.15m/s^2 should be adopted.

Decision:

Having noted the background information and arguments, members endorsed the recommendation.