

BUILDING SAFETY QUARTERLY

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To enhance communication with property management agents, the Buildings Department (BD) publishes and sends this quarterly newsletter to all property management companies and hopefully through them, this newsletter will reach the hands of building owners.

Little Forum

Strengthening Enforcement Actions Against Mega Signboards

BD has been actively applying to the Court for priority demolition orders under section 24B of the Buildings Ordinance recently and then engaged its contractor to remove as soon as possible those mega signboards that were in serious breach of the law and posed high risk to the public. The removal costs and surcharges will be recovered from the signboard owners. To view some completed removal cases, please click to BD s website.

「BD」 > 「Our Services」 > 「Signboards」





BD's new electronic forms are now available on our website. You may fill-in the forms electronically anytime and anywhere (for example using a computer at your office or a mobile device on street). You may also submit most of our electronic forms directly through the Internet. This can save you the cost of printing and delivery.



Practitioners Corner

BD held a seminar jointly with IVE (Morrison Hill) and HKAPMC for property management staff on 28.10.2016. Topics included the application of Minor Works Control System and the problems of Sub-divided Flats. BD will organize similar seminar in the future, so please keep an eye on newsletter of your professional institutes/ associations.



Building Safety Depends on All Of Us Comic Drawing Competition

BD has been organizing the Competition annually since year 2013. Prize Presentation Ceremony was held on 19.11.2016. Here is one of the winning artworks for this year. Based on these winning artworks, BD produced 3 animations which can be viewed on BD YouTube Channel:





Yip Tsz Ho 'Daniel

Hong Kong & Macau Lutheran Church Primary School

Upper Primary School Section



A person who was not an RI was fined for certifying inspections under MBIS

A person who was NOT a Registered Inspector (RI) carried out prescribed inspections under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) for owners of 2 premises in a housing estate and certified that the inspections were completed and that the projections from the premises concerned were safe and no repair was required. The person was prosecuted by BD, who pleaded guilty at the Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts and was fined \$10,000.

Pursuant to section 40(2H) of the Buildings Ordinance, any person other than an RI who, without reasonable excuse, certifies a prescribed inspection, or certifies or supervises a prescribed repair, in respect of a building commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for six months, and to a further fine of \$5,000 for each day that the offence contin-

Building owners are reminded to check whether the mandatory building inspections are conducted by an RI. A list of RI is available at BD's website.

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Registered Inspector



Building Safety Week (BSW) 2017

BSW 2017 will be held on 18 to 24.3.2017. Events below are being organized:

- 1) Opening Ceremony in the afternoon on 18.3.2017 (Sat) at the Jockey Club Auditorium (JCA) in Hong Kong PolyU, activities including secondary school students' drama competition, mini-movie competition prize presentation ceremony, chit-chat with Surveyors/Engineers and game booths;
- 2) Various seminars and symposium for building professionals and the general public;
- 3) TV program to show the Building Safety Pioneer activities; and
- 4) Comic drawings exhibition.

Please stay tuned on BD's website for details.



Building Safety Advanced Certificate Course (BSACC)

The BSACC is targeted at building owners who have finished the BSCC. Participants will be equipped with more in depth knowledge in building safety. The course will be conducted in Cantonese and is free of charge. For details, please pay attention to the announcement on BD's website.





Mini Movie Competition

Do you have a story to tell about building safety? BD is organizing a Mini-Movie Competition, share your story with us and you may have a chance to win prizes worth HK\$60,000. Deadline for entry submission is on 1.2.2017. ACTION!





BIG (Building Information Game)

"BIG" goes round to different districts in Hong Kong. Answer some easy questions about building safety, then you can get a special prize. If you are interested in displaying "BIG" in your estate, please contact us at 3106 3349. **GOTCHA!**

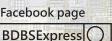


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