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



## Little Forum

### Consequence of Refusing BD Officers to Carry out Duties under the BO

BD officers may, from time to time, have to enter premises for inspections or carrying out the necessary works. On some occasions, entry into the subject premises is refused by the occupier. Property management agents may play an important role in cooperating with BD officers to provide the access for them to carry out their duties under the BO. In year 2000, section 40(2AAA) of the BO was enacted under which any person (including the property management agent) who obstructs the officer authorized by the Building Authority in the exercise of the power under the BO shall be guilty of an offence and shall, without prejudice to any other penalty, be liable on conviction to a fine at level 3 and to imprisonment for 6 months. To ensure a safe and healthy condition of the built-environment, please cooperate with the BD officers.



## Simplified “Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme” (MBIS) Pamphlet

To provide owners with a quick guide to the gist of the MBIS, the BD published a simplified MBIS pamphlet in January for public reference. For details, please visit:



<https://goo.gl/xFt5tj>



## Building Safety Week (BSW) 2018

The BSW is a major annual public education and publicity event organised by the BD to promote building safety. This year, the BSW will be held from 15 to 20 April with the following free-of-charge activities:

1. Opening Ceremony, to be held on 15 April 2018 (Sunday) from 12:30 to 17:30 at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wai Chai for the general public to participate and win big prizes including iPad Pro(s) and iPad(s);
2. Various talks and a symposium for the general public and building professionals to take part (Online registration in advance is required); and
3. Building Information Centre Open Day at the BD Headquarters (address: 13/F, Pioneer Centre, 750 Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon).

For details and registration, please visit BD's website.



Details &  
Registration





## Practitioners' Corner

### Person who was not a qualified person was fined for certifying window inspections under Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme

A person was convicted of 10 charges under section 40(2I) of the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and fined a total of \$20,000 for impersonating a qualified person (QP) under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS). In May 2016, the BD received a report alleging that the capacity of a QP was impersonated by another person and the imposter had submitted a certificate to the BD in relation to a window inspection. After detailed investigation, the BD instigated prosecution against the imposter. This is the first successful prosecution case against a person other than a QP who certified window inspections under the MWIS. As property manager, you may help owners verify the identification of the QPs by checking their QP Cards.



API on QP Card



## BSP Programme Activities

Building Safety Pioneers (BSP) attended lectures provided by the BD and the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI) to create 30-second TV commercials (TVCs) to promote building safety messages. All the TVCs have been received and are very creative and funny. Adjudication is being conducted to determine the winner of the "Best Building Safety Promotional Video Award". In parallel, the BD is establishing an online platform for the public to vote for the "Most Popular Promotional Video Award – Online". For the latest voting arrangement, please stay tuned to the BD Instagram Page.



## E-Learning Centre

The BD launched the E-Learning Centre in December 2017. The first course is the Building Safety Certificate Course (BSCC). Hit rates of over 10 000 and 280 registrations have been reached as at 31 January 2018. The second phase will be rolled out in April 2018, and BSCC certificate holders can gain access to the "live-chat session" for online direct interaction with our lecturers. Please scan the QR code below to register for the online BSCC for free:



## Drama Competition 2018

The preliminary round of the annual Drama Competition for students from 14 secondary schools will be held at the Yuen Long Theatre on 17 March 2018 (Saturday) from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and no ticket is required. Six teams will be shortlisted to enter the final at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on 15 April 2018 (Sunday). For enquiries, please call Miss Li at 3696 6944 or email to pepu@bd.gov.hk.



## 'Building Safety on Board' Competition

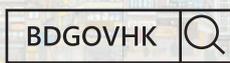
We are pleased to have received more than 800 entries from students for the "Building Safety on Board" board game design competition. All entries will be assessed by the adjudicators. In parallel, shortlisted entries of the Parent-child and Primary School Categories will be uploaded to the internet for the public to vote for the Most Popular Award - Online. Please stay tuned to the BD's website (www.bd.gov.hk) for the voting arrangement. To share the fun of building safety board games with the public, booths will be set up at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm on 15 April during the Opening Ceremony of the Building Safety Week 2018. Please come to play.



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