

Half-day seminar on Are your Windows Safe?

Organized by
Façade Group, Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction

Supported by
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
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Date:	10 May 2019 (Friday)
Venue:	Room TU103, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Time :	1:45 pm (registration) for 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Scope and Objective

A tourist was struck and killed by a window fallen from high floor of a local hotel in the busy Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district in January 2019.

Police arrested a hotel cleaner under a law against “allowing objects to fall from buildings and endanger or harm the public”.

The accident sparked alarm that any window could possibly fall from the exterior of a modern hotel building in a city stacked with skyscrapers.....

In the wake of the above fatal accident, there are aspirations from the general public/building owners demanding quality prescribed window inspection and repair which are rendered safe under the law.

Hitherto, about 500,000 Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) notices are issued and a small amount of voluntary MWIS inspections are conducted, and these are mainly carried out by Minor Works contractors, which are one of the registers of qualified persons that are natural persons. They are semi-skilled labour with limited technical knowledge; hence, they should be further trained and tested in order to undertake legal liabilities should accident happen.

While guidelines are stipulated for the prescribed inspection/repair in the Code of Practice for MWIS as well as Practice Notes for Building Inspection (PNBI), the building owners may not be rest assured if their windows are properly inspected/repared and certified by qualified persons who have sufficient technical knowledge and are capable of undertaking legal liabilities.

The seminar provides an in-depth review in the way how windows are inspected/repared and rendered safe under the several aspects, i.e.

- (i) Legal control under the Buildings Ordinance and Building (Inspection and Repair) Regulations;
- (ii) Administrative control under the Building Authority;
- (iii) Technical control through Code of Practice for MWIS and PNBI; and
- (iv) Management control to supplement areas whereby technical control may not cover.

Language: English and Cantonese

Speaker

The **HKISC** is very pleased to have the façade expert Ir Albert Liu to deliver the seminar.

The registration includes a copy of the lecture notes, a copy of CPD certificate and tea refreshment.

Should you have further query, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tommy LI at man@hkisc.org.

Registration fees

HKISC member	HKIE members or group of five	Others
HK\$ 300 each	HK\$ 400 each	HK\$ 500 each

Programme

Time	Programme
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Registration
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Legal control Administrative control, Technical Control - Part 1
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Tea Break, Collection of CPD certificates
4:00 pm – 5:30pm	Technical control – Part 2 Management control to supplement areas whereby technical control may not cover
5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Q & A

Biography of the speaker

Mr. Liu graduated from The University of Sydney, Australia with First Class Honours in Civil Engineering and specialized in Structural Engineering. Mr. Liu has many years of work experience mainly in engineering consultants for new building projects as well as alteration and addition works, providing structural engineering, architectural and project management services. He is conversant with the building control regime under the Buildings Ordinance and acquired the qualification of Authorized Person and Registered Structural Engineer in the 1990s.

In recent years, Mr. Liu provided consultancy services to building owners in carrying out MBIS and MWIS works. He grasps the legislations well and is well familiar with the administrative procedures. With his strong technical background and his intrinsic ability to resolve technical issues, he is going to share with the audience his substantive knowledge and extensive work experience to building professional and qualified persons in particular the safe window inspection.

REGISTRATION FORM
(To be replied on or before 3 May 2019)

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Please follow the 2-step registration procedure:

1. Fax the completed registration form to *Mr Tommy LI* (Fax: 852-2334 6389) for preliminary registration.
2. Post the completed registration form within 7 days together with a crossed cheque payable to **Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction Limited** to *Mr Tommy LI*, at:

HKISC, c/o Room ZN 912, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering,
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong

on or before the deadline.

To: Mr Tommy LI

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Personal Details:

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Item	Total no. of registration	Sub-total
1. Regular registration (Member*price)	_____ person(s)	= HK\$ _____
2. Regular registration (Non-member price)	_____ person(s)	= HK\$ _____

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I enclose a crossed cheque (no. _____) with a sum of HK\$ _____ for the registration fee of the captioned Seminar.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CPD Certificate of Attendance Please tick the appropriate box to indicate your choice:

- Yes, I/ we would like to have CPD certificate(s). Not request for certificate(s).