



Property & Facility Management Division

Sr Kays Wong PFMD Council Chairman

I understand that this month may be a difficult time for many PFMD members and their companies and note that some of you may still be required to work at home in accordance with Government's advice in the fight against the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Despite these difficulties, I am sure that members have the ability and confidence to meet and overcome these challenges.

This month, for the sake of safety and the health of its members, the HKIS has nearly cancelled or postponed all activities, meetings, and events. The PFMD will soon reschedule all of its activities, subject to the prevailing conditions of the moment and advice of the Government.

In the meantime, there are links below that warrant members' urgent attention. I strongly recommend that you consult them.

For Updates on the Virus in Hong Kong

https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/advice_for_properties_management_for_nid_of_public_health_significance_chi.pdf#page=1

The above is a very useful Government website that gives you all information on the virus and answers frequently asked questions such as:

- What is the COVID-19 coronavirus?
- What are the latest updates on the situation?
- Local Situation Dashboard and the latest news of the spread of virus.

“Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for the Property Management Sector” (ASPM) under the “Anti-epidemic Fund” (物業管理業界抗疫支援計劃), 24 February 2020

www.had.gov.hk/en/pmsa/index.htm

The objective of the ASPM is to provide financial support to frontline PM workers (cleaning and security workers) in private residential and composite (commercial cum residential) buildings with a view to improving their personal protection and environmental hygiene, as well as recognising their services. The ASPM is also intended to alleviate the additional costs that may arise from heightened cleaning efforts and the burden on affected residents.

The ASPM will provide the following support for private residential and composite buildings:

- “Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance”: will subsidise eligible PM companies (PMCs)/ owners' organisations (OOs) by giving each frontline PM worker a monthly “Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance” of \$1,000 for four months (February-May 2020), subject to a cap of six workers per eligible building block.
- “Anti-epidemic Cleaning Subsidy”: eligible PMCs/OOs will receive a lump sum “Anti-epidemic Cleaning Subsidy” of \$2,000 for every eligible building block.

The ASPM is expected to benefit over 200,000 frontline PM workers who serve around 33,000 residential and composite building blocks (involving some 800 PMCs and/or 10,000 OOs).

The HAD will commission the Property Management Services Authority to implement the ASPM. Interested parties and PFMD members may refer to the HAD website (www.had.gov.hk/en/pmsa/index.htm) for more information and/or to download an application form.

Second Round of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme

<https://brplatform.org.hk/en/subsidy-and-assistance/limss>

The Government has partnered with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to implement the “Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme” (LIMSS) to promote lift upgrades in the community by providing financial incentives with appropriate professional support to eligible owners of private residential or composite (commercial and residential) buildings. This would enhance lift safety. Members should review their lift conditions before applying for assistance. Remember, well-maintained facilities and building works are the best ways to carry out ‘preventive maintenance’.

Response to the 2020-2021 Budget

(Please refer to the HKIS Response to The Budget, dated 26 February 2020, for details.)

In his speech on 26 February, Financial Secretary Hon Paul MP Chan made some proposals that may pertain to HKIS members who work in building management.

1. A \$200 million Green Tech Fund will be implemented to promote the development of decarbonisation and green technologies, expedite low-carbon transformation, and enhance environmental protection.
2. Subsidies will be provided for the installation of vehicle-charging infrastructure in the eligible car parks of private residential buildings with a view towards facilitating the installation of chargers by owners of individual parking spaces.
3. To support the waste paper recycling industry, the Government proposes setting aside a sum of not less than \$300 million each year starting from 2020-2021 to implement a scheme to recycle waste paper.

The main purpose of the above schemes is environmental protection.

Apart from the Smart City Blueprint for Hong

Kong, HKIS members are also be stakeholders in and contributors to the success of the above plans. Therefore, you are encouraged to view the Budget Speech and the HKIS’s response to it with an intention to support the environmental protection, sustainable development, and green decarbonisation of Hong Kong.

HKIS PFMD Conference 2020 cum 15th Anniversary

In view of the continued spread of COVID-19 and the number of confirmed cases reported, the PFMD has rescheduled the Conference 2020 cum 15 Anniversary to **Wednesday, 8 July 2020**.

The details of the Conference are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 8 July 2020

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East Ballroom, 1/F, Crowne Plaza, Tower 5 No.3 Tong Tak Street, Tseung Kwan O

The HKIS understands that this new arrangement may disrupt some members’ schedules. However, members’ safety is our top priority and follows the Government’s health guidelines. The Institute hopes that by postponing the Conference, businesses, individuals, and society will have more time to recover from this crisis.

Please contact the Event Secretariat, Ms Kate Law, at (+852) 3159 2902 or kate.law@creativegp.com if you have any enquiry.

CPD Activities and Events

In view of the COVID-19 virus risk, all CPDs have been re-scheduled. Please refer to the revised CPD dates below.