



Property & Facility Management Division

Sr Dr Kenny Chan PFMD Council Chairman

The PFMD's OBs and Council members have been proactively arranging/planning for various activities/events over the last month. They included attending government briefing sessions, commenting on consultation papers regarding proposed legal amendments, meeting with their Mainland counterparts, exploring water seepage insurance, communicating with the media, and continuing to organise QPFMA 2024 in addition to their routine affairs. PFMD Honorary Secretary Sr Patrick Leung has been updating the PFMD website, so members may consult it to find out the latest information.

Meanwhile, this message summarises the division's recent activities for members' reference. If you have any specific concern regarding the latest PFM developments, please notify any PFMD Council member and they will be pleased to address them. Cheers.

- Do you agree that there is a need to tighten the controls over domestic renovation noise?
- Should the proposed total number of days for renovations using percussive breakers be restricted to five or eight working days?
- To which operational hours do you think percussive breakers in renovations should be restricted?
- Should the notification fee be set at \$100 or \$500?
- Is it necessary to further control how the permitted working days are allocated for the use of percussive breakers within the first two months?
- What should the specified hours for using percussive drills during a workday be?
- Is it appropriate to set a fixed penalty at \$10,000?
- Can prior notification on the renovation schedule of nearby households help you devise a plan that can minimise your exposure to renovation noise?

CPD on the Proposed Amendments to the Noise Control Ordinance, Cap 400, CPD & Consultation by the EPD

Reported by Sr Dr Kenny Chan, PFMD Chairman and Moderator

The PFMD was delighted to invite Ir Andrew Cheung and Carmen Cheung of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to introduce a proposed amendment to the NCO (Cap 400) relating to the noise control of mechanical equipment in domestic renovations on 25 January. An interesting Q&A session and polling interaction exercise between the speakers and participants followed the CPD and featured the following questions:

Vice Chairman Sr Dick Li and I also commented on the above consultation paper to the EPD before its consultation period ended on 17 February. The proposed amendment will be submitted for LegCo's scrutiny by early 2025.



(L-R): Sr Dr Kenny Chan, Ir Andrew Cheung, and Carmen Cheung

Transport Department Traffic and Transport Strategy Study Briefing Session with Professional Institutes

**Reported by Sr Maxine Yao,
PFMD Council Member**

Maxine joined the “Traffic and Transport Strategy Study-Briefing Session with Professional Institutes, Agreement No. CE 51/2021 (TT)” with fellow surveyors on 31 January. The Transport Department is currently conducting the Traffic Transport Strategy Study (TTSS), which aims to map out a long-term transport strategy for Hong Kong (<https://www.ttss.gov.hk>). During the meeting, the Transport Department introduced three principal strategies and seven major directions, which extended its vision of “Transforming travel to people-centric, efficient and green journeys connecting daily lives” and elaborating on the three major strategies of “enjoyable journeys,” “a well-connected city,” and “healthy mobility,” which were guided by the preliminary findings of the Travel Characteristics Survey 2022. Among them, the introduction of “On-Demand Public Transport Modes,” “Smart Motorways,” “Autonomous Vehicles,” and “Support for Electric Mobility Devices” drew the most attention.

Mobile Telecommunications Service Coverage to Lifts – EMSD Consultation

We expressed some comments regarding the consultations over “Mobile Telecommunications Service Coverage to Lifts” advocated by the EMSD, which ended on 16 February. The PFMD welcomes the EMSD’s initiative to consider facilitating the expansion of the territory’s 5G infrastructure to further strengthen Hong Kong’s development into a smart city. For existing lifts, related primary users/stakeholders such as owners corporations, owners committees, and property & facility management organisations should cautiously consider adopting 5G coverage/feasibility/increased budgets per law (such as Cap 344 BMO), so as to keep up with major societal trends. It’s prudent for responsibility to be clearly established among RPs, TCPs, RCs, QPs, and even licenced PMCs/PMPs (per Cap 626 PMSO) if there are hiccups/incidents during the implementation/installation/maintenance of the 5G infrastructure.

Other Matters

- PFMD Council members Sr Charles Hung, Sr Kays Wong, Sr Denny Yeung, Sr Jonathan Lee, and Sr Louis Lee hosted a fruitful Zoom meeting on 17 January with Vice Chairman Mr J Yau of the Hong Kong Federate of Insurance (also the council member of the Insurance Complaint Bureau) regarding water seepage insurance and the detailed arrangements for “home insurance” handling and claim issues.



Sr Maxine Yao (2nd row, 6th from right)
with Other Professional Institute Members

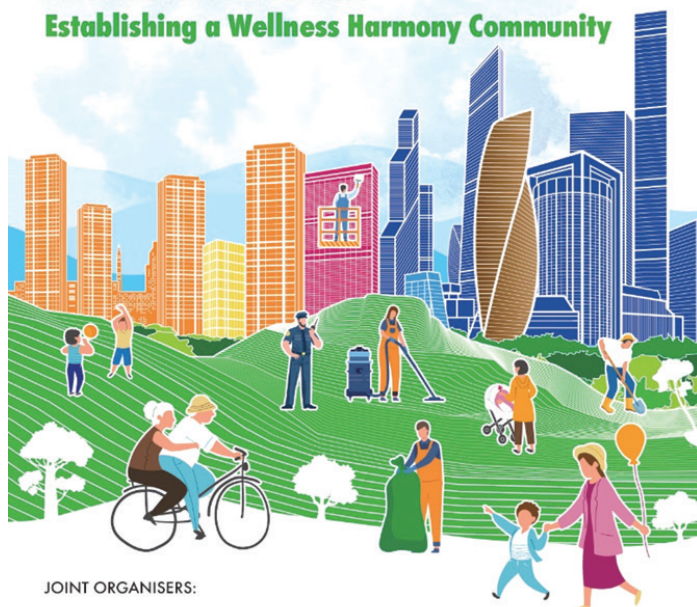
- Vice Chairman Sr Louis Lee and I joined the HKIS Media Luncheon with fellow surveyors on 23 January, during which we had constructive communications with various media/news agencies, especially regarding hot PFM topics.
- Congratulations to PFMD Honorary Secretary Sr Patrick Leung, who was nominated as Community and Charity Services Committee Chairman for the 2024 Council year at the GC meeting on 24 January.
- Shenzhen Property Management Association representatives visited the HKIS on 25 January and were well received by PFMD OBs Sr Louis Lee, Sr Patrick Leung, and me. The PFMD anticipates more cooperative opportunities between the two organisations in the near future.
- I was invited for a live interview by i-Cable/Hoy TV on 31 January regarding the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme, scheduled to be launched on 1 August 2024. I covered some crucial topics relating to general education, training, refuse collection applications, designated bags/labels, resources allocation, legal management fee adjustments/increases as per Cap 344 Building Management Ordinance, etc, for various properties from a professional PFM perspective. I anticipate to promote a more holistic/practical approach for tackling those concurrent issues that would most concern the general public. Interested members may review this interview via the relevant i-Cable/Hoy TV websites/links.
- PFMD Council members Sr Danny Leung and Sr Jonathan Lee joined a sharing session with fellow surveyors regarding DevB's "Roadmap on Adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) for Building plan Preparation and Submission" on 2 February. The PFMD expects to conduct more trainings for surveyors to become qualified BIM managers.
- The QPFMA OC held its third meeting on 7 February to deliberate on the following issues:

- Confirmation of Key Visual Design



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JOINT ORGANISERS:



- Positive responses received regarding sponsorships, supporting organisations, and jury panel invitations
- Constructive discussions regarding award type/category, judging criteria, and submission guidelines, especially towards the main theme
- Finalisation of the Launch Day venue, budget, and rundown scheduled for 14 March 2024

- The OBs held another Saturday afternoon meeting on 24 February to deliberate PFMD's further developments pursuant to council endorsement.