

## Launching Ceremony of Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Chapter 618

A launching ceremony for the new Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Chapter 618 was organized by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) on 16 December 2012 (Sunday) at Zero Carbon Building in Kowloon Bay. Three booths were set up in the open area of the Zero Carbon Building for introducing to the public the knowledge on the new Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Chapter 618, the lift structure, the improvement works and the safe use of lifts and escalators. One of the booths was operated by LECA and the other two were run by EMSD and the VTC. Many LECA members, government officers, practitioners in our industry and citizens took part in the event and paid visits to the booths.



In the ceremony, the Secretary for Development, Mr. Paul Chan; Legislative Council Member, Mr. Lo Wai Kwok and LECA's President, Mr. Kuok Hoi Sang each delivered a speech on the new ordinance. The Secretary for Development, Mr. Paul Chan; the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. Wai Chi-Sing; the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr. Frank Chan; Legislative Council Member, Mr. Lo Wai-Kwok, the President of Lift and Escalator Contractors Association, Mr. Kuok Hoi-Sang, the Chairman of Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association, Mr. Francis Lau; the Academic Secretary of International Association of Elevator Engineers, Dr. Albert So and the Chairman of the General Union for Lift and Escalator Employees, Mr. Tse King Wah jointly officiated the implementation on 17 December 2012 of the new ordinance in the ceremony. The guests were also invited to present prizes to 10 lift and escalator workers who won the Outstanding Performance Awards for Lift and Escalator Workers organized by EMSD. Mr. Frank Chan and Mr. Alfred Sit invited the 10 winning workers to apply for the registration of workers to initiate the application process in the ceremony.



A team of presenters from Commercial Radio (CRHK) was invited to deliver a drama about the safe use of lifts with the well-known broadcast programme, "18/F Block C", as the background. Some popular singers were also invited to perform in the latter part of the event. The drama and the songs were well received and attracted a burst of applause by the audiences. The ceremony ended at 4:00pm and the booths were continued until 5:00pm.