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Subject: EMSD's response to letter in SCMP, "Inadequate details on lift certificate"

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Letter to the Editor

I refer to the letter by Mr Leon Chan entitled "Inadequate details on lift certificate" (July 4).

As Mr Chan rightly pointed out, the new use permit contains concise information and replaces the old safety certificate "Form 11". The new use permit, which was introduced when the new Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) came into force on December 17, 2012, clearly indicates the key information including the expiry date, the installation address and a unique serial number to facilitate public surveillance. The format of the new use permit was adopted after considering the views received during the public consultation on proposed amendments to the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327) and the opinions of major stakeholders in the Task Force for Preparation of Legislative Proposals to the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance.

Nonetheless, we will review the format of the use permit, taking into account the recent views from users and stakeholders. We plan to consult the Lift and Escalator Safety Advisory Committee to be established soon on this subject.

We welcome the public to give their views on our regulatory regime on lift and escalator safety.

Best Regards,



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for Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services