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All Registered Escalator Contractors/Engineers

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 9/2011**

**Protection of Unintentional Reversal of the Direction of Travel in Escalators**

It was reported in the news that a fatal escalator incident occurred at an underground railway station in Beijing on 5 July 2011. It is suspected that the incident could probably be caused by the inoperative of the non-reversal device due to damage of certain system components.

This Circular serves to remind you to make every endeavor to keep the escalator in safe and good working order in accordance with the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance, Cap.327. To ensure the non-reversal device and other safety equipment are maintained in good working order, Registered Escalator Contractors are requested to check all the safety devices of the escalators upon each periodic maintenance, and Registered Escalator Engineers are requested to thoroughly examine and test the safe operation of the escalators and the safety equipment during periodic examination and testing.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Director of Architectural Services

The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association

The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited

The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees