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To: All Registered Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 12/2016 **Modernization of Existing Escalators**

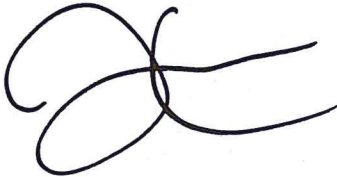
I am pleased to inform you that the guideline on modernization of existing escalators as attached in the Annex has been devised. It provides practical and useful information on escalator modernization to enhance existing escalators so as to be safer, more reliable and more comfortable. The guideline makes reference to the latest Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators and recommends the provision of additional features which are not required at the time when the existing escalators were installed. All existing escalators are recommended to be modernized such that the escalator will be incorporated with, as far as practicable, all items given in the Annex after modernization.

A series of publicity would be launched to promote the escalator modernization, and a booklet detailing the benefits and with further elaboration on the modernization solutions will be distributed to Registered Contractors and Responsible Persons of escalator for reference. You are reminded that any equipment, including components or parts used to replace the old one, used during the major alteration / modernization works should be in full compliance with the prevalent requirements of the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators and the Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works.

Please review the escalators under your maintenance and should any of the proposed modernization items be found applicable to the escalators, you are recommended to liaise with corresponding Responsible Persons and provide them with proposals for the modernization works.

Should you need further information about the above proposed escalator modernization works, please contact our engineer, Mr. Jerry Wong, at 2808 3117.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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