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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs.

## Circular No. 2/2022 – Planning for the Rising Demand for Lift/Escalator Services

Nurturing the staff force is critical to the sustainable development of the lift/escalator trade. The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association, the Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited, the Vocational Training Council ("VTC"), and EMSD have been working closely to implement schemes to attract new blood to join and flourish in the industry. We have seen gradual growth, and the annual intakes of apprentices have reached new heights in recent years.

In anticipation of the growing demand for lift/escalator installation, maintenance, and modernisation services arising from major programmes and infrastructure projects in the years ahead, e.g. the LIMSS, the Three Runway System Project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-year Hospital Development Plan, the Long-term Housing Strategy and the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, registered lift/escalator contractors ("RCs") are encouraged to proactively strengthen their human resources to take ride on the growing service demand and expand their businesses.

Further to the activation of the Intermediate Tradesman Collaborative Training Scheme with the Construction Industry Council and the establishment of the Lift Meister Programme with the VTC, EMSD will continue to collaborate with the trade and training institutions, and welcome initiatives for attracting more talents to join the trade. We also appeal to RCs to consider the use of technologies to help transform the trade and alleviate the burden on the frontline staff.

If you have any question on this subject, please contact our officer on telephone number 2808 3115.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited

The International Association of Elevator Engineers (HK-China Branch)

The Hong Kong Institution of Registered Engineers (Lift & Escalator)

The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees