

ArchSD deeply saddened by passing of contractor's staff member

The Director of Architectural Services, Mr Edward Tse, was deeply saddened by the passing of a staff member of its contractor in an incident that happened at the North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre yesterday (August 7) and expressed his deepest condolences to the deceased's family. The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has requested the contractor to provide appropriate assistance to the deceased's family.

At about 11.45am yesterday, a 69-year-old male maintenance worker fell to the ground together with a power-operated elevating work platform that toppled suddenly while he was carrying out ceiling maintenance at the arena of the North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre. He was sent to Yan Chai Hospital and was later certified dead.

The ArchSD and relevant departments are investigating the cause of the incident and related works have been suspended. The ArchSD will tighten up monitoring on the use of elevating work platforms and related safety requirements, including requiring contractors to strengthen measures to ensure the safe use of elevating work platforms. The ArchSD will also inspect high-risk maintenance works immediately to ensure their safety before proceeding with the works.