<u>ArchSD deeply saddened by passing of contractor's staff</u>

The Director of Architectural Services, Mr Michael Li, was deeply saddened by the passing of a staff member of its contractor in an incident that happened at the construction site of Kwai Chung Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment today (March 21) 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 5.30pm today, a male foreman aged about 30 was suspected to have fallen to the ground at the site. He was certified dead on spot.

The ArchSD will render full assistance to relevant departments to investigate the cause of the incident and related works have been suspended until it has confirmed that the contractor has implemented all necessary measures to ensure construction safety. The ArchSD will also immediately issue reminders on and continue monitoring the compliance with safety requirements for sites under its purview targeting work-at-height.