

BD continues to follow up on incident of fallen rendering at Sun Hing Building

Regarding the incident of fallen rendering at Sun Hing Building in Mong Kok today (August 8), the Buildings Department (BD), after preliminary investigation, suspected that the fallen rendering at the scene was part of the rendering removed by the concerned contractor during the repair of the external wall of the building, and did not fall from the external wall of the building.

After inspection, the BD considered there was no obvious danger to the overall building structure.

The BD will conduct an investigation into the incident. If a breach of the Buildings Ordinance (BO) is found, the BD will take appropriate action, including instigating prosecution and/or disciplinary action against the person/registered contractor who has breached the statutory requirements.

In addition, in order to ensure public safety, the registered contractor had, upon the instructions of the BD staff, removed the remaining pieces of rendering on the scaffolding, and will re-assess the safety of the scaffolding on the external walls of the entire building to ensure that the protective measures, such as the necessary protective nets/sheeting are properly installed and are without damage. The BD had also requested the Registered Inspector (RI) responsible for the repair works to inspect the contractor's work procedures, including the implementation of effective measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents, and to ensure all the improvement measures have been completed before allowing the contractor to resume work. The BD will continue to follow up the repair works and the supervision work of the RI in compliance with the requirements of the BO.