

EMSD investigates lift incident at Sheungshui Town Centre

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) expressed grave concern over the lift incident at Paris Court of Sheungshui Tower Centre today (May 11) and has immediately commenced a thorough and detailed investigation into the incident.

The preliminary investigation conducted by the EMSD revealed that the suspension ropes of the lift concerned were intact, and the incident might be attributed to the unintended car movement of the lift. The EMSD is carrying out an in-depth investigation at the moment in order to ascertain the cause of the incident. The EMSD has also issued a prohibition order to the lift concerned, the operation of the lift could only be allowed to resume after the completion of a thorough inspection by a registered lift engineer who could certify the safe working order of the lift.

As a prudent measure, the EMSD is now carrying out an immediate inspection with the registered lift contractor of the lift involved in the incident for seven other passenger lifts and two other goods lifts in the housing estate of the same brand as the one in the incident. The inspection is expected to be completed by tomorrow morning. The EMSD has also requested other registered lift contractors to complete a special inspection within two weeks for about 90 lifts of the same brand currently installed in Hong Kong to ensure safety.

The EMSD will expedite the completion of the investigation, including that of whether there have been contraventions of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. The EMSD will strictly enforce the law if contravention has been identified.

The EMSD is deeply saddened by the incident and again expressed its deepest condolences to the victim's family. The EMSD will do its utmost to provide the family with appropriate assistance.