

LD invites entries for 25th Construction Industry Safety Award Scheme

Members of the construction industry are invited to enrol in the Construction Industry Safety Award Scheme 2024/2025 (the scheme), which was launched today (September 19).

A Labour Department (LD) spokesman said, "Co-organised by the LD and 16 major stakeholders in the construction industry, the scheme aims at raising the occupational safety and health (OSH) awareness of contractors, site personnel and workers of the construction industry, fostering a positive safety culture and encouraging the adoption of safe work practices in the industry. The scheme also offers awards to contractors, site personnel and workers in recognition of their good OSH performance."

The scheme is divided into three main categories: Construction Sites, Safety Teams and Safe Workers. Entries for the Construction Sites category are further divided into eight sub-categories, namely Building Sites (Public Sector), Building Sites (Private Sector), Civil Engineering Sites, Renovation and Maintenance Works, Minor Renovation and Maintenance Works, Building Sites – Sub-contractors, Civil Engineering Sites – Sub-contractors, and Renovation and Maintenance Works – Sub-contractors. For the Construction Sites and Safety Teams categories, there will be a gold prize, a silver prize, a bronze prize and a meritorious prize. For the Safe Worker category, each winner will be presented with a cash coupon, a certificate and a badge.

To encourage contractors to adopt innovative technology to improve lifting operation safety, a new award, namely Lifting Operation Safety Innovation Award, will be introduced this year in each of the four sub-categories under the Construction Sites category. They are: Building Sites (Public Sector), Building Sites (Private Sector), Civil Engineering Sites and Renovation and Maintenance Works. Besides, additional marks will be given to contestants in the sub-category of Building Sites (Private Sector) who have joined the Smart Site Safety System (4S) Labelling Scheme to further boost application of the 4S in that sector.

All construction contractors, sub-contractors and site personnel in Hong Kong are invited to compete for the awards, provided that no serious or fatal accidents have been recorded on their construction sites and the contractors or sub-contractors have not received any suspension notices served by the LD in the 12 months preceding the enrolment deadline.

Scheme brochures with enrolment forms can be downloaded from the LD's website (www.labour.gov.hk/common/news/pdf/CISAS_2024-2025_TC_EN.pdf) by interested parties. They can also be obtained from offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the LD (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/tele/od.htm). The closing date for the scheme entries

is October 9. The results will be announced in May next year.

In addition, the scheme will feature a number of promotional activities, including a safety quiz competition (the quiz), to enhance the OSH awareness of the industry and the public. The quiz is divided into Individual and Group categories. Citizens aged 15 or above and construction-related organisations are welcome to join. Enrolment will start on October 10, and application forms can be obtained from offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch or downloaded from the LD's website from that date onwards. The deadline for enrolment is November 6.

For details of the related assessment scheme and criteria, please refer to the scheme brochure. Enquiries can be made on 2852 3565.