

## Two qualified persons prohibited by disciplinary board from certifying prescribed inspection and repair of windows for six months and 14 months

The Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board (the Board) has completed disciplinary inquiries under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and decided that two registered minor works contractors (RMWC) appointed as qualified persons (QP) under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) and the Authorized Signatory (AS) for one of the RMWC should be disciplined for failing to discharge the duties or abide by the requirements imposed on a QP under the BO.

The Board's written decisions and orders issued on March 15 were published in the Gazette today (March 28). Details are available at the following links:

1. [www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242813/egn202428131691.pdf](http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242813/egn202428131691.pdf); and
2. [www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242813/egn202428131690.pdf](http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242813/egn202428131690.pdf).

In the first case, the RMWC submitted a certificate to the Buildings Department (BD) in June 2019, certifying that a prescribed inspection had been carried out to the windows of the common area of a composite building in Tsuen Wan and that those windows were safe and no prescribed repair was required. Subsequently, the BD conducted an audit inspection and found that the glazing beads of some windows were missing and the glass pane of a window was cracked. Further investigation also revealed the RMWC did not examine all components of the windows in the prescribed inspection.

The RMWC was later prosecuted, convicted and fined \$3,000 at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts in October 2020, pursuant to sections 40(2A)(c) of the BO, for knowingly misrepresenting a material fact in the certificate submitted to the BD.

In the second case, the RMWC and its AS submitted a certificate to the BD in February 2019, certifying that a prescribed inspection had been carried out to the windows of two residential units in Shum Shui Po and that those windows were safe and no prescribed repair was required. Subsequently, the BD carried out an investigation in response to an emergency report of a fallen window from one of the concerned units and found that rivets of some windows of both units were broken, missing or corroded. Some windows of one of the units were obstructed and the AS did not examine the components of all windows. Moreover, he had carried out repairs to windows of both units but certified that the windows were safe and no prescribed repair was required.

The RMWC was later prosecuted and convicted and fined \$18,000 in total at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts on March 3, 2021, pursuant to

sections 40(2A)(c) and 40(2B)(b) of the BO for knowingly misrepresenting a material fact in the certificate submitted to the BD; and carrying out a prescribed inspection in such a manner as was likely to cause a risk of injury to any person or damage to any property.

In view of the convictions, the BD notified the Board for its consideration of disciplinary action against the two RMWCs under the provisions of section 13(1) of the BO.

In the first case, the Board ordered the RMWC to be prohibited from certifying any prescribed inspection, or certifying or supervising any prescribed repair of windows, for six months with effect from the date of the Gazette, and to pay a total of about \$49,000, being the costs of the Board and the BD for conducting the inquiry.

In the second case, the Board ordered the RMWC and its AS to be prohibited from certifying any prescribed inspection, or certifying or supervising any prescribed repair of windows, for 14 months with effect from the date of the Gazette, and to pay a total of about \$40,000, being the costs of the Board and the BD for conducting the inquiry.

A spokesperson for the BD reiterated that in order to ensure building safety, the BD attaches great importance to the quality of the prescribed inspection and repair of windows by a QP under the MWIS. Any QP who contravenes the relevant provisions of the BO in carrying out the prescribed inspection and repair of windows under the MWIS is not only liable to criminal prosecution but also disciplinary action under the BO.

The BD will continue to conduct audit inspections to ensure the quality of prescribed inspections and repairs under the MWIS, he added.

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## [Tenders invited for tenancy of government canteen](#)

The Government Property Agency (GPA) is inviting tenders for a three-year tenancy of the government canteen on a portion of the first floor of Sai Wan Ho West Pier, Marine Police Harbour Division Headquarters, 42 Tai Hong Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong.

The premises should only be used for the supply of meals, light refreshments, beverages (excluding alcoholic beverages and plastic bottled water) and other food commodities to government employees working in the Marine Police Harbour Division Headquarters and other such persons that may be authorised by the Commissioner of Police.

The tender notice was uploaded today (March 28) to the GPA Property

Portal: [www.gpaproperty.gov.hk/en/index.html](http://www.gpaproperty.gov.hk/en/index.html). Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during the period from 9am to 6pm from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. The documents can also be downloaded from the GPA Property Portal.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend a site inspection of the premises should make a prior appointment with the GPA by calling 3842 6775 on or before April 8.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before noon on April 18. Late tenders will not be accepted.

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## **Appointment of members to Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board announced**

The Government today (March 28) announced the appointment of four new non-official members as well as the reappointment of 10 incumbent non-official members and eight institutional members to the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board (HKMPB) for a two-year term with effect from April 1, 2024.

The four new members are Mr Logan Chong Chiu-ming, Mr Ryan Ip Man-ki, Mr Marso Law Kwun-pan and Mr Edward Liu Yang. Mr Logan Chong Chiu-ming was a Managing Director of a multinational bank and financial services company, Mr Ryan Ip Man-ki is a Vice President of a local think tank, Mr Marso Law Kwun-pan is the Convenor of the Maritime Professional Promotion Federation, and Mr Edward Liu Yang is a Partner of a Chinese law firm.

In addition, 10 incumbent members are reappointed, namely Ms Abby Chan Shuk-bing, Mr Cheung Sai-teng, Mr Ivor Chow, Mr Bjorn Hojgaard, Mr Wellington Koo Tse-hau, Mr Timothy Lee Kwok-lam, Mr Horace Lo Wai-man, Mr So Wing-wah, Mr Frankie Yick Chi-ming and Mr Chris Zhao Peng. Eight institutional members, namely the Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association, the Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association, the Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association, the Hong Kong Shipowners Association, the Hong Kong Shippers' Council, the Institute of Seatransport, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Vocational Training Council, are also reappointed.

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, welcomed the new members and thanked the outgoing members, namely Mr Mayank Shikhar Gauba, Mr Kenneth Lam Sze-ken, Miss Rosita Lau Sui-yee and Mr Clarence Leung Ka-fai, for their valuable contributions to the HKMPB and the development of the maritime and port industry in Hong Kong.

The HKMPB was established in 2016 to provide a high-level platform for setting the long-term development directions of port and maritime services and the related work in manpower training and promotions with a view to enhancing Hong Kong's competitiveness and status in the international maritime arena.

The membership of the HKMPB with effect from April 1 is as follows:

Chairman

Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Deputy Chairman

Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Chairman, Maritime and Port Development Committee

Mr Bjorn Hojgaard

Chairman, Manpower Development Committee

Mr Timothy Lee Kwok-lam

Chairman, Promotion and External Relations Committee

Mr Wellington Koo Tse-hau

Members

Ms Abby Chan Shuk-bing

Mr Cheung Sai-teng

Mr Logan Chong Chiu-ming

Mr Ivor Chow

Mr Ryan Ip Man-ki

Mr Marso Law Kwun-pan

Mr Edward Liu Yang

Mr Horace Lo Wai-man

Mr So Wing-wah

Mr Frankie Yick Chi-ming

Mr Chris Zhao Peng

Representative of Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association

Representative of Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association

Representative of Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association

Representative of Hong Kong Shipowners Association

Representative of Hong Kong Shippers' Council

Representative of Institute of Seatransport

Representative of Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Representative of Vocational Training Council

Director of Marine

Director-General of Investment Promotion

Secretary

Deputy Secretary for Transport and Logistics

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## [Appointments to Board of Governors of Hong Kong Arts Centre](#)

The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Peter Lau Man-pong as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre for a period of three years from April 8, 2024, to April 7, 2027. Mrs Christine Ip Yeung See-ming and Ms Stephanie Poon have been appointed as members of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre for a period of three years from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027.

The appointments are published in the Government Gazette today (March 28).

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## [Renowned Brazilian pianist and vocalist Eliane Elias to stage jazz concert in Hong Kong in May \(with photos\)](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has invited Grammy Award and Latin Grammy Award winner Eliane Elias to make her Hong Kong debut in May. In this much-anticipated jazz concert for music fans in the city, Elias will unleash her diverse musical talents by performing her greatest hits in her trademark performance style.

The versatile Brazilian musician was unable to come to Hong Kong as scheduled in November last year, and her jazz concert has now been rescheduled for May 28 (Tuesday). Elias, together with her longtime collaborative jazz musicians Marc Johnson (double bass), Leandro Pellegrino (guitar) and Rafael Barata (drums), will combine jazz, Brazilian, classical and pop music styles in the upcoming concert including "Quietude" that features bossa nova jazz balladry. With her alluring voice, virtuosic piano skills and impromptu live interpretation, Elias will bring the audience a jazz music evening filled with a Latin flare.

Eliane Elias is an internationally acclaimed pianist, singer and composer as well as an arranger. Her distinctive musical style is one of the most unique and immediately recognisable sounds in jazz and Brazilian music. She has released various albums to date, winning two Grammy Awards for "Best Latin Jazz Album", and two Latin Grammy Awards for "Best Jazz Album". Elias has toured more than 70 countries and regions. In 2018, she was presented with an

Edison Jazz Lifetime Achievement Award in the Netherlands.

â€‹"Jazz Concert by Eliane Elias" will be staged at 8pm on May 28 at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$200, \$320, \$420 and \$520 are now available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs\\_1665.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1665.html).

