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Dear Sr Tse,

It is noted that the administration is proposing the creation of a permanent bi-disciplinary Government Building Surveyor (GBS)/Government Structural Engineer (GSE) post (D2) as the Assistant Director (AD) to head the Mandatory Building Inspection Division (MBID) of the Buildings Department (BD).

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) fully supports the creation of a permanent AD post to head the MBID in view of the long term need to enhance building safety and to cope with the building ageing and dilapidation problems. We understand that this AD post is proposed to be a bi-disciplinary GBS/GSE post. However, the HKIS is of the view that such post should be a GBS post in view of the genuine need to properly address the building ageing and dilapidation problems which involve not just the structural condition of a building but more importantly the health and safety issues. Furthermore, the effective implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) would require the dedicated effort of a building professional who should be competent in the overall administration of the Buildings Ordinance, in particular the performance of different components, system, design and planning of a building in respect of the different requirements under various regulations.

The HKIS would like to reiterate our support to create a permanent GBS post as AD to head the MBID of the BD.

Yours sincerely,

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