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Dear Sir

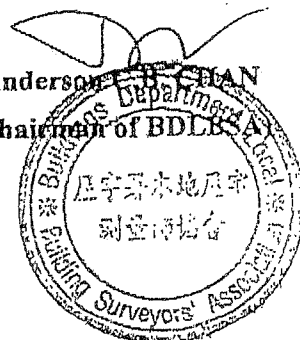
**Proposed Introduction of the Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme
By the Fire Services Department**

Further to my presentation in LegCo on 29.2.2016, the summary of my presentation is as follows:-

- BDLBSA supports the spirit of the Fire Services (Amendment) Bill but have strong objection to the proposed introduction of the RFE.
 - The proposed duties of RFE are being carried out by Authorised Person (AP) (i.e. Architect, Engineer or Surveyor registered under the Buildings Ordinance (BO)).
 - For your information, AP was previously named as “Authorised Architect” under the BO. As “Authorised Architect” had included three professions, the term had eventually been amended as AP. The latest example is Registered Inspector (RI) under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS). The inspection may be carried out by experienced Architect, Engineer and Surveyor so that a neutral term RI is used. Based on the same argument, the RFE should be replaced by a neutral term such as “Certifier”.
 - I have been informally advised by representatives of FSD that AP and Registered Professional Surveyor (Building Surveying) may be accepted. However I suggest that the latest advice from FSD should be clearly stated in the Bill. If the details will only be stated in the regulation, positive vetting of the subsidiary legislation should be adopted.
 - I have to re-iterate that the assessment of fire safety of new buildings and existing buildings under the BO, Fire safety (Commercial Premises) and etc. is one of the core competences of Building Surveyor
2. If you have any query, please contact the undersigned at 2626 1432.

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