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To: All Registered Contractors

Dear Sir,

## Circular No. 4/2009

## **Necessary Precaution to Protect Staff from Human Swine Influenza** Infection

You should be aware that the Hong Kong's response level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for the Human Swine Influenza Pandemic has been raised from "serious" to "emergency".

This department is supporting the Government in fighting the Human Swine Influenza Pandemic. As you are registered contractors on builders' lifts and tower working platforms, you are requested to undertake all necessary precautionary measures to protect your staff from Human Swine Influenza infection as well as to maintain a high standards of hygiene and cleanliness at all of your work sites. The precautionary measures would include:

- (1) Alert all staff members about the risks of the Human Swine Influenza Pandemic
- (2) Disseminate the latest development of the Human Swine Influenza Pandemic
- (3) Disseminate and implement the safety guideline for the Influenza prevention (e.g. hand wash and personal hygiene)
- (4) Review and monitor the stock and use of the appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment such as mask and glove) and cleaning/disinfecting agent which should be adequate for at least one month's supplies
- (5) Maintain a hygienic working environment
- (6) Maintain proper indoor air ventilation at the workplaces / construction sites
- (7) Advise your staff members having influenza-like symptoms to stay at home and consult doctor immediately

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For the latest update and detailed information on the Human Swine Influenza, please visit the website of the Center for Health Protection, the internet address of which is shown below:

http://www.chp.gov.hk/view\_content.asp?lang=en&info\_id=16615

Should you have any queries on the above, please contact my colleague Mr. K.H. MA at tel. 2808 3548 or the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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