

Safety Series 1: Good and Bad Practice in the Erection of Scaffolding System

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Recently, accident relating to the mis-use of scaffolding system happened frequently, which may cause serious injuries or even fatal accident. Proper use of scaffolding system could be a significant solution to reduce the happening of the related accident. On 26th September 2014, YMC invited Ir Josephi Chi to share his experience on good and bad practice in the erection of scaffolding system.

At the beginning of the seminar, Ir Chi introduced the current regulation and controls of scaffolding system in Hong Kong including Construction Site (Safety) Regulation (CSSR), Code of Practice for Metal Scaffolding Safety, etc. Failure in fulfilling the above standards may cause punishment or even arrestment of the authorized signatory who is responsible for the site safety.

Then, Ir Chi highlighted the three main points in erecting a scaffolding system, they are sufficient materials, adequate support and ties between supporting members. Afterward, Ir Chi shared some examples of Good and Bad practice of scaffolding system erection. For Good Practice, we should ensure adequate ground support; provide protection for Public (Green Net); provide Personal fall arrest systems; have a standard scaffold system introduced by qualified person, etc. Ir Chi then showed us some Bad practice, for example overload the working platform; working above life traffic; Uneven, Cluttered foundation and Overhang platform.

Last but not least, Q&A session was held before the end of the seminar. Participants expressed their interest and appreciation on the topic and we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ir Joseph Chi for delivering the informative and meaningful seminar.



The seminar was well attended by members



YMC Committee Member Ir Vincent Tam (R) presenting souvenir to Ir Joseph Chi (L)