

Hospital Authority's statement regarding worker passed away at the Prince of Wales Hospital redevelopment project construction site

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Hospital Authority (HA) has the following statement today (May 21) regarding a worker passed away at the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) redevelopment project construction site:

The HA received notification this afternoon from the main contractor of the PWH redevelopment project that a worker employed by the concrete works subcontractor suddenly collapsed during work. Site management called for an ambulance and the worker was sent to the Accident and Emergency Department (AED) of PWH, where the worker was subsequently certified dead upon arrival at the AED.

The HA expresses deep sorrow over this incident and extends sincere condolences to the deceased worker's family. The HA has directed the main contractor to provide appropriate assistance to the family and support them in handling the family member's after-death arrangements. The HA treats this incident with utmost seriousness. The PWH has referred the case to the Coroner for follow-up investigation. The HA has also requested the main contractor to conduct a thorough investigation and submit a detailed report. The HA notes that the contractor will report this incident to the Labour Department, and the HA will ensure the contractor's full co-operation with investigations by the Labour Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies.

The HA has always placed paramount importance on industrial safety at hospital construction sites. Project consultants would supervise contractors to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and guidelines, providing suitable and safe working conditions for workers, including appropriate rest periods and heat stroke prevention measures during hot weather. The HA will review the contractor's safety arrangements to ensure site safety and regulatory compliance, while requiring contractors to prioritize workers' welfare and occupational health.