



SURVEYORS REGISTRATION BOARD

測量師註冊管理局

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Dear Sir

Public Consultation Paper on Legislation to Enhance Protection for Consumers Against Unfair Trade Practices

We refer to your letter dated 15 July 2010, and would like to thank you for inviting the Surveyors Registration Board (SRB) to express its views on the captioned Public Consultation Paper.

As a regulatory body established under Surveyors Registration Ordinance (SRO) (Cap. 417) to provide for the registration of professional surveyors, the recognition of divisions within the profession and disciplinary control of the professional activities of registered professional surveyors, we welcome government's legislative proposals which can enhance protection for consumers against unfair trade practices.

According to Chapter 4.10 of the Consultation Paper, it is proposed that professional practices regulated by regulatory bodies that are established by statute need not be brought under the ambit of the expanded TDO. Through our established registration system and disciplinary control SRB is confident to regulate the practices of registered professional surveyors. Furthermore we also have a government representative sitting in the Board. We have no adverse comments on the above proposed arrangement.

Meanwhile, we wish to point out that registration with SRO is not compulsory; and hence not all professional surveyors in Hong Kong would be registered and regulated within the ambit of SRO. In this regard, some professional surveyors in Hong Kong would not be covered under the ambit of the expanded TDO.

Should you have any further enquiry, please feel free to contact us. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Wong Bay
Chairman