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Training Strategy and Professional Development of Hong Kong Fire Services Department

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The mission of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department (FSD) is to protect life and property from fire and other calamities. To better fulfil its mission to save those in distress and protect the community, the Department strives for continuous advancement in its services in the areas of firefighting, rescue, ambulance, mobilising and communication, and fire protection.

As society develops, fire service personnel encounters more challenging circumstances on all fronts such as conducting firefighting and rescue operations inside large-scale infrastructure, skyscrapers and underground facilities. To this end, the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy (FASA) was commissioned in January 2016 to provide comprehensive and sophisticated training to our firefighters, personnel of ambulance, mobilising and communications and workshop streams. FASA covers an area of about 158,000 square metres, and constructed at a cost of HK\$ 3.5 billion. FASA marked a new era in the training development of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department.

To complement the commissioning of FASA, HKFSD also explores the establishment of a training accreditation mechanism for the knowledge and skills tailor-made for fire and ambulance services in Hong Kong. In moving forward with the departmental long-term training strategy, HKFSD also establishes a specialised and institutionalised Quality Assurance mechanism to set out clear and consistent Service Quality Standards and audit criteria, as well as enhancing the quality and standards of FS members.

It is hoped that the required skills and knowledge imparted to our members could meet the escalating operational and training needs. Our goal is to train those personnel as top-notch fireman and ambulanceman dedicated to serving the community and as a world-class exemplar of fire and ambulance training in future.