FOREWORD

The revision of the Fire Code 2002 is a concerted effort of the Fire Code Review Committee which comprised of representatives from SIA, IES, IFE, SISV, ACES, NTU, NUS, REDAS, BCA, LTA, PSB and HDB.

I am delighted to note that the SCDF had over the years received suggestions for improvements from the professionals in the building industry via channels such as FSSD Dialogue Session, FSSD Standing Committee Meeting, consultation and feedback. These suggestions had led to the revision of some of the clauses in the Fire Code which were announced periodically through our circulars and regular fire safety seminars to allow for early implementation. All the changes are now consolidated and published in this edition of the Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in Buildings 2007.

In tandem with the modernization of the society from modest infrastructures of yesteryears to mammoth skyscrapers of today, fire safety in buildings continues to be crucial in providing a safe environment for Singapore to develop and prosper. I reiterate my call to all in the building industry to continue to observe and fulfill the fire safety standards stipulated in the Fire Code and circulars which we issue from time to time.

Fire Code 2007 is made to address the difficulties and problems that were encountered by the code users and the building industry, and the fire safety requirements for the changing business environment in Singapore. It is intended to be more user-friendly and pro-business, without compromising fire safety needs. Reviewing the Fire Code to adapt to new construction techniques and materials will remain and continue to be SCDF's commitment to the building industry. In this regard I welcome suggestions for improvements from all users of this Fire Code for consideration for the next edition.

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