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CODE ON BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY IN BUILDINGS 2002

We are pleased to inform you that the revised Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings 2002 has been launched and a copy of it can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from URL: <http://www.bca.gov.sg>. * There are no hardcopies printed for sale.

2 The Code was first published in 1990. The 2002 Code is the third edition and is BCA's continuing effort and commitment to make buildings in Singapore more user-friendly to members of our society who are physically disabled. Although the Code is intended primarily for wheelchair users, people with other forms of physical infirmities or limitations but who are not wheelchair bound, such as those with visual impairment, older persons and families with young children will also be able to derive benefit from its provisions. The Code aims to make building designs inclusive so that persons with disabilities will also be able to access buildings, make use of their facilities and participate in activities as an integral part of the community.

3 The revised Code was developed by a Working Committee (WC) comprising representatives from Building and Construction Authority, Housing & Development Board, Land Transport Authority, National University of Singapore, Singapore Institute of Architects, Handicaps Welfare Association, Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped, Asian Women's Welfare Association and the Ministry of Community Development and Sports.

4 The revised Code will be implemented from **1 Jan 03**. The provisions in the revised Code will apply to new buildings and existing buildings undergoing major retrofitting works, where the building plans are submitted for regulatory approval on or after **1 Jan 03**.

5 Please bring the contents of this circular to your members for their attention.

Yours faithfully

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