The tragic incident of a five-storey building collapsed at Ma Tau Wai Road, Hong Kong on 2010 has raised public concerns about the safety of many of Hong Kong’s old and dilapidated buildings.

Realising that the presence of ageing buildings lacking proper care and maintenance poses potential threats to residents and the public at large, since 2012, the Buildings Department has implemented the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) to carry out inspection and rectification works for buildings aged 30 years or above.

This book, as a pioneer to review and examine the statistics and distributions of the aged buildings in Hong Kong, provides critical insights on the building decay and neglect problems. The statistical information highlighted in the book also serves to project the estimated number of aged buildings to be covered by the MBIS in the future, and the demand of professional workforce expected for the successful implementation of MBIS.

**Target Reader**

- A good reference for university students and researchers in building science, architecture, surveying, construction management and engineering disciplines.
- A useful book for practising building professionals and government officials to keep up-to-date with information in tackling building decay problem.
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