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Pressing Briefing Session on Construction Workers Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2014

Hong Kong · 10 February 2015 – The *Construction Workers Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2014 ((Amendment) Ordinance)* will be effective from 1 April this year. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held a pressing briefing session today to update the public on the provisions of the *(Amendment) Ordinance*.

On 29 December 2005, the then Construction Workers Registration Authority (CWRA) started the registration of construction workers and on 1 September 2007, implemented the Phase One Prohibition which prohibited workers without registration to carry out construction work at construction site.

Upon amalgamation of CWRA and the CIC on 1 January 2013, the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was formed under the CIC and continued to conduct extensive discussions with industry stakeholders on the proposed amendments to *Construction Workers Registration Ordinance* to facilitate implementation of the remaining phase of Prohibition.

Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC said, “Workers Registration is the major manpower policy of the construction industry. We hope the Press Briefing today would assist the public in learning more about the implications of the *(Amendment) Ordinance* before its enactment.”

Joining Chairman LEE at today’s press conference were Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairman of CWRB, who introduced the objective and content of the *(Amendment) Ordinance*, the provisions of “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” as well as the responsibilities of industry stakeholders as stipulated in the *(Amendment) Ordinance*, and Mr. CHOW Luen-kiu, member of the CWRB, who introduced the enhanced registration services as well as the benefits programme for registered workers.

A Launching Ceremony of “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Signing Webpage was also held in the press conference today. Mr. CHOW signed on the Webpage to show his support of the future enactment of the *(Amendment) Ordinance*. We encourage construction workers and construction-related organisations to support the *(Amendment) Ordinance* through signing up at the CIC Website:

<http://cwr.hkcic.org/information/cwro.asp>



(Left) Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, introduced the *Construction Workers Registration Ordinance*

(Right) Ir Christopher TO, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council



(From left) Mr. CHOW Luen-kiu, member of the Construction Workers Registration Board; Mr. LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council; Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairman of the Construction Workers Registration Board; and Mr. Christopher TO, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council, posed for a photo after the Launching Ceremony of “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Signing Webpage



(Right) Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairman of the Construction Workers Registration Board, and Mr. CHOW Luen-kiu, member of the Construction Workers Registration Board showing the new workers registration system which is still in the process of development

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587). The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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