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Survey on the Potential Utilisation of Prefabrication Yards in Hong Kong - Survey Report

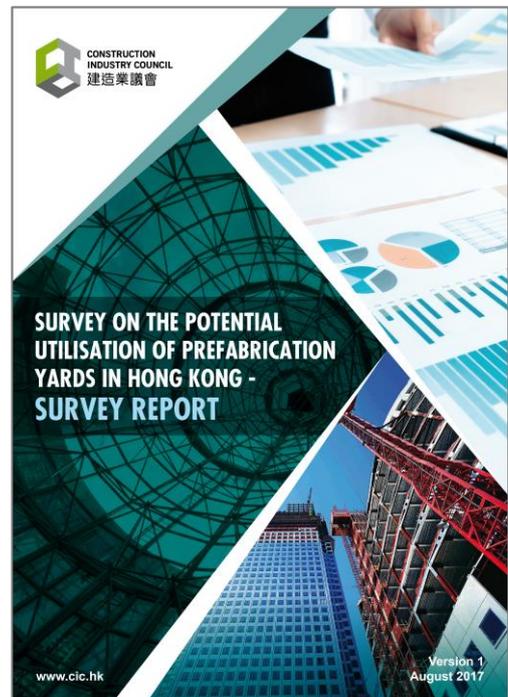
Hong Kong • 8 September 2017 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the *Survey on the Potential Utilisation of Prefabrication Yards in Hong Kong – Survey Report* (Survey Report). This Survey Report aims to explore the feasibility of wider application of prefabrication and modular construction in Hong Kong.

To seek better understanding of the views of different stakeholders towards the potential of utilising prefabrication in the construction industry, a total of 648 stakeholders in different sectors were successfully consulted by means of self-administered questionnaire survey and telephone/face-to-face interviews. In all, the views of 21 employer organisations (i.e. government departments, public utility and private developers), 121 consulting companies and 506 contractors were consulted.

The Survey Report covers the following objectives:

- (a) To have a better understanding of the current situation of utilising prefabrication in the local construction industry;
- (b) To identify if industry stakeholders are willing to adopt prefabrication method;
- (c) To collect the views from industry stakeholders about establishing local prefabrication yards and the potential utilisation; and
- (d) To identify their factors of consideration in using prefabrication / precast components produced by local prefabrication yards.

Most respondents support the development of prefabrication yards in Hong Kong with the advantage of lowering transportation cost and better monitoring. Ir Kevin POOLE, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment of the CIC said, “For promoting wider



adoption of prefabrication, the Survey Report recommends more participation of relevant industry parties and Government in organising further exhibitions, talks and seminars, which will enhance industry knowledge, as well as provide more opportunities for potential investors of local prefabrication yards in promoting their products and services.”

The Survey Report also recommends key areas which further studies can be carried out, including but not limited to:

- (a) To quantify the potential demand of prefabricated components such that it is justified for the input of resources in developing local prefabrication yards;
- (b) To explore essential factors for developing local prefabrication yards, including land supply, technological requirements, relevant talents for operating the prefabrication plants in Hong Kong, etc.; and
- (c) To investigate the impact on the existing local labour market.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 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 the Government, provide professional training and registration services, and serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

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