

The Construction Industry Council Launches Pilot Medical Examination Scheme for Construction Workers

Hong Kong · 26 March 2014 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) launched its “Pilot Medical Examination Scheme for Construction Workers(the Scheme)” in early March 2014 to provide welfare benefits to the local construction workers.

Introduction

The construction workforce is facing an acute ageing problem. According to the statistics of the Construction Workers Registration Board as at March 2013, 44% of the registered workers are aged over 50. In addition, many tasks in construction sites are physically demanding. Proper medical examinations are therefore important for construction workers to assess their health conditions for meeting the job requirements.

According to the Section 5(la) of the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587), one of the functions of the CIC is to conduct or finance educational, publicity, research or other programmes relating to occupational safety and health, environmental protection or sustainable development in the construction industry. In view of this, CIC has taken up the role to organise a one-year Pilot Medical Examination Scheme (PMES) for the local construction workers, commencing in March 2014.

About the Scheme

The purposes of the Scheme are:

- (a) to provide general medical examinations to local construction workers so as to allow them to realise their health conditions;
- (b) to allow workers to detect their health problems at an early stage so as to recommend patients to take appropriate actions;
- (c) to explore the workers' health condition in the local construction industry as a whole; and
- (d) to extract useful information for substantiating proper welfare provision and campaign for the sustainable development of the local construction industry.

Registered workers under the Construction Workers Registration Board are eligible to join the Scheme on a first-come-first-served basis. Each participant who pays HK\$10 can receive a basic medical examination provided by Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Workers' Medical Clinics (FTU Clinics) to assess their health conditions.



The first medical examination was successfully carried out at the construction site of the Fire Service Training School in Sai Kung on 5 March 2014. Over 100 participants have joined the Scheme to express their interest on this welfare as well as concern on their health condition.

To enhance the welfare benefits of Hong Kong construction industry and to improve the overall health image of the industry, industry stakeholders are encouraged to support and participate in the Scheme. The application details are available on the CIC website at www.hkcic.org.

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