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Amalgamation of the “Construction Industry Council” and “Construction Workers Registration Authority”

Hong Kong • 3 December 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announces today its amalgamation with the Construction Workers Registration Authority (CWRA), which will take effect on 1 January 2013. Upon amalgamation, the organisation will be known as the Construction Industry Council.

CIC and CWRA have all along been committed to nurturing a high-quality construction workforce and ensuring the quality of construction works. The amalgamation can enhance the operational efficiency of the CIC and the construction workers registration system through the following:

1. Providing a single statutory body for the construction industry;
2. Consistent policy and priority setting for the industry;
3. Enhancement of administrative and operational efficiency;
4. Elimination of ambiguity in demarcation of responsibilities; and
5. More effective deployment of resources and sharing of information.

The HKSAR Government is currently pressing ahead with the ten major infrastructure projects and other public works projects of varying scale. The amalgamation of CIC and CWRA can further unite the execution and administration of the construction workers training and registration system, and can provide more efficient construction labour manpower planning to cater for the increasing demand in the coming few years.

“The amalgamation will be beneficial to the construction industry in bringing construction manpower training, trade-testing and workers registration under the purview of one single co-ordinating body, thereby facilitating the healthy and sustainable development of the construction industry at large,” Mr. LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC said.

Dr. Joseph CHOW, Chairman of the CWRA added, “Through the amalgamation of the

CIC and CWRA, synergy and organisational streamlining can be achieved. This measure is favourable to the advancement and development of the construction industry, which will benefit workers and industry stakeholders.”

The operations of the Workers Registration Offices will remain unchanged and will continue to provide registration service to workers. Newly-designed registration cards, meanwhile, will be issued for new or renewal registrations from 1 January 2013 onwards. The existing registration cards, however, remain valid, and holders are not required to change their cards immediately after the amalgamation.

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 for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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「建造業議會」與「建造業工人註冊管理局」
於2013年1月1日合併

合併後的機構名稱為
「**建造業議會**」

Construction Workers Registration Cards
already issued remain valid

已發出之建造業工人註冊證仍然有效



Existing Card 現有註冊證

New Card 新註冊證

Construction Workers Registration System
remains unchanged

建造業工人註冊制度維持不變

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