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CIC Construction Innovation Award Recognises Practitioners and Academics for Excellence in Innovation and Technology Breakthrough

Hong Kong • 15 December 2017 – Construction Industry Council (CIC) honoured the outstanding innovative initiatives of the local and international industry leaders and academics at its biennial CIC Construction Innovation Award Presentation Ceremony today. Officiating at the Award Presentation Ceremony were Mr. CHEUNG Kin-chung, Matthew, the Acting Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr. WONG Wai-lun, Michael, Secretary for Development, and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC.

The CIC Construction Innovation Award, inaugurated in 2015, is one of the flagship events promoting the divergent thinking and innovative solutions through new technology application and scientific breakthrough in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas, with attempt to spearhead the sustainable development of the construction industry.

The Award consists of three categories: “Construction Productivity”, “Construction Safety” and “Construction Sustainability” with a total of 11 awards including International Grand Prize Award, Local Grand Prize Award and Young Innovator Award being presented. Distinguished technology experts and academics from around the globe were invited to speak in related to “Construction Innovation” and “Building Information Modelling (BIM)”.

Speaking at the Award Presentation Ceremony, Mr. Matthew CHEUNG, the Acting Chief Executive, recognized the efforts of Construction Industry Council in soliciting the support to facilitate the development of innovation and technology. To meet the challenges regarding construction cost, environmental impacts and site restrictions faced by the industry, Mr. CHEUNG indicated that innovative means and techniques is a driving force that keeps Hong Kong moving forward.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui praised the local and international delegates for their overwhelming submissions and active engagement in the Award. He urged them to come up with more new ideas to meet the future challenges. “We are privileged to have distinguished industry leaders, technology experts and academics to share with us their knowledge and know-how on construction innovation, and explore various opportunities in building Hong Kong a safer, greener and more productive city,” said Mr. CHAN.

To enhance the continuous development of innovation and new technologies of the construction industry, CIC signed the Memorandum of Understandings with The University of Hong Kong and The University of Science and Technology to introduce

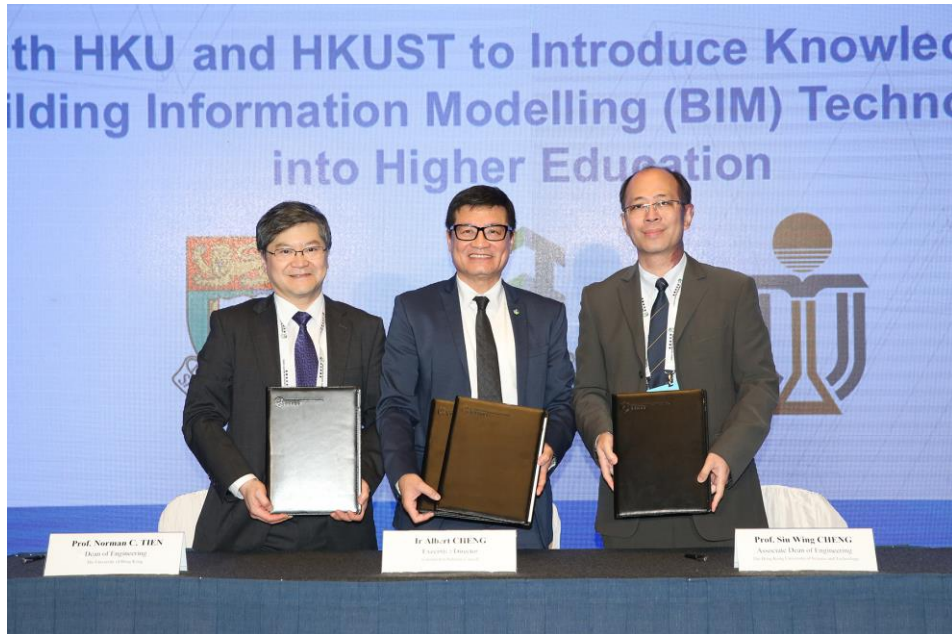
BIM knowledge into higher education. CIC has also established Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre and Hong Kong Institute of Construction to showcase the cutting-edge technologies around the globe and nurture high-calibre practitioners to contribute to the local innovations.



Mr. CHEUNG Kin-chung, Matthew, the Acting Chief Executive (6th from left, first row), Mr. WONG Wai-lun, Michael, Secretary for Development (5th from left, first row) and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (6th from right, first row) officiate at the Award Presentation Ceremony



Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (4th from left) presents souvenir to the Judging Panel which is composed of renowned industry leaders and innovation professionals



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director (middle) signs the Memorandum of Understandings with Prof. Norman C. TIEN of The University of Hong Kong (left) and Prof. CHENG Siu-wing of The University of Science and Technology (right) to introduce BIM knowledge into tertiary education

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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