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A Consensus in Support of Land Reclamation Reached in Construction Industry Land Supply Consultation Forum

Hong Kong • 8 July 2018 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) organised a consultation forum today in response to the land supply public engagement being conducted by the Task Force on Land Supply (Task Force) to gauge views from the construction industry. The Forum attracted over 250 construction practitioners who come from various sectors including engineers, surveyors, architects, developers, consultants and other construction related professionals and frontline workers.

Speaking at the Forum, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC said that as a statutory body, one of the main functions of CIC is to provide a platform in forging consensus on important issues among various stakeholders and reflect their opinions to the Government. “We would like to take this opportunity to collect views on the land supply initiatives with a vision to tackle the severe housing problem in Hong Kong,” said Mr. CHAN.

Chairman of the Task Force Mr. Stanley WONG briefed participants the pros and cons of different land supply solutions as well as trade-off between different options. The Task Force’s Vice-chairman Dr. Greg WONG and members Mr. Jasper TSANG and Ms. Iris HOI also joined the Forum to address practitioners’ concerns.

During the discussion, participants showed support to the land reclamation and expressed their views on developing new area in the New Territories, on the periphery of country parks, brownfield sites and atop existing transport infrastructure. Most of the participants admitted that the shortage of land supply has been worsening, leading to a series of livelihood issues such as insufficient housing supply and hindering the social development. In particular, some young practitioners expressed a concern on the surging flat price and rent.

CIC will continue to collect views on land supply from industry at various occasions.

Captions:



Representatives of the Task Force on Land Supply including (from left) Ms. Iris HOI, Chairman Mr. Stanley WONG, Vice-chairman Dr. Greg WONG, and Mr. Jasper TSANG join the discussion on land supply issue



Chairman of CIC, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui (front row, 5th from left), encourages construction practitioners to proactively express their views in respect of their professions



Over 250 construction practitioners attend the consultation forum

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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