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The 45th WorldSkills Competition Successfully Concluded
Young Construction Talents Shine Bright on the World Stage

Hong Kong · 28 August 2019 – The 45th WorldSkills Competition held in Kazan, Russia concluded successfully on 27 August 2019. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) sent four graduates of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC), namely LAM Tuk-leung (Welding), WU Cheuk-hei (Joinery), NG Chi-wan (Plumbing and Heating), and CHAN Wing-kit (Wall and Floor Tiling) to participate in the competition. After undergoing rigorous selection processes and a year of comprehensive training, all four young talents demonstrated their personal best and shone bright on the world stage.

There were competitions in 56 skills this year where competitors were required to complete demanding tasks within a set time which challenged their problem solving skills and resilience. In the 4-day competition, the competitors competed with young professionals from around the world and it was a good opportunity to widen their horizons.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC and Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of the HKIC, arrived in Kazan to show their support. “Participating in an international competition of this magnitude is a testament to the ability of Hong Kong’s youth in the construction industry. It also enhances the industry’s image of professionalism which will hopefully attract more young people into starting a career in construction. In addition, through the international exchange in the aspect of technical expertise, I hope our competitors can bring home the innovative techniques to benefit the industry.” said Mr. CHAN Ka-kui.

Hailed as the Olympics of professional skills, the Worldskills Competition is a biennial international competition held in various countries which has provided a platform for showcasing world-class excellence in professional skills since 1950. This year’s competition attracted more than 1,300 elite professionals under the age of 22 from 63 countries and regions around the world. The 46th WorldSkills Competition will be held in Shanghai, China in 2021.

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After the competition, the industry expert, Mr. NG Kwok-wah (right), wraps a flag around CHAN Wing-kit (left) and praises his performance as the Hong Kong representative



LAM Tuk-leung, Welding contestant, shows great focus and displays multiple welding techniques



After finishing the 4-day joinery competition, WU Cheuk-hei (left) poses a photo with industry expert Mr. LAM Kwok-leung (right)



The four talents have performed at their very best in the competition



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(Front row first right and second right) Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of the HKIC, and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, arrives in Kazan to support Hong Kong Team

More competition images can be downloaded from the link below:

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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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