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Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2020
“Together We Care”
Over 120,000 Volunteering Service Hours Was Recorded

Hong Kong • 15 November 2020 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today held the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2020 (Ceremony) at Construction Industry Council-Zero Carbon Park (CIC-ZCP). For the first time, the Ceremony was live-streamed to share honour and joy with the public and industry practitioners. The officiating guests included Ms. Alice PANG, the new Director of Drainage Services, and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC.

The Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP) has launched the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme (CIVAS) in 2017 with an aim to recognise contributions from construction practitioners to the community so as to instill a caring culture amongst them. This year, 52 construction-related organisations and 10 NGOs, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, have participated in the CIVAS, contributing a total of 124,139 service hours by 17,073 volunteers (man-time).

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, said, “With continuing effort of CISVP Committee, the idea of construction industry volunteering has been gradually recognised by the industry, though it has been promoted for only a few years. We are grateful to see that many more construction practitioners are proactively taking social responsibility by joining social caring activities, which is particularly commendable during the pandemic period.”

The awardees also shared their experience during the ceremony, including recipient of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering (Gold) award, Mr. AU Kam-chuen from Gammon Construction Limited, representative of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project (Gold) award, Ms. Ginny TSUI from Drainage Services Department, and representatives of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration (Gold) award, Mr. Andrew CHAN from Hip Hing Construction Co., Ltd. & Vibro (H.K.) Ltd.

Representatives of Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong, Christian Family Service Centre and Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service were also invited to share their views on “Challenges and difficulties faced by institutions under the pandemic and how to overcome”.

After the Ceremony, in collaboration with Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, a mobile blood donation vehicle was arranged and parked inside the CIC-ZCP for public to participate in blood donation. Several exhibition boards were also displayed

to showcase the outstanding performances of awardees and awarded projects.

The CIC has made July the Lo Pan Service Month since 2017, aiming to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan's spirit to benefit different sectors of society. Despite the fact that a number of originally scheduled volunteering activities were cancelled due to the pandemic, necessary steps were taken to show care to the community. The CIC joins hands with the key industry stakeholders to launch "Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus" early this year, providing monetary assistance and caring support for the registered construction workers who are affected by COVID-19 and their families, as well as distributing anti-epidemic products to frontline workers. Inheriting the spirit of Lo Pan, the caring support was further extended to the disadvantaged groups within society by giving out anti-epidemic products and "Lo Pan Rice".

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Ms. Alice PANG, Director of Drainage Services officiates the Ceremony



Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, expresses gratitude to the industry for their contribution in volunteer work



NGO Representatives were invited to share their views



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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.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.

About CISVP

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was established in 2016 with the aim to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities, including Happy Run, Sports Day and Charity Fun Day, Table Tennis Competition, 5-a-side Football Fun Day and Construction Industry Council Turf Soccer League have been organised since its inception.

Please visit www.cisvp.hk for further details.