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**The Sixth Construction Industry Volunteer Award
Presentation Ceremony Successfully Held**
30,000 Man-time of Industry Volunteers This Year with
Over 210,000 Volunteering Service Hours Contributed under CIVAS

Hong Kong • 16 July 2023 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today held the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2023 (Ceremony) at CIC-Zero Carbon Park (CIC-ZCP). To mark this special occasion, Ms. Alice PANG, Director of Drainage Services, as guest of honour, together with Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC officiated the Ceremony to recognise the contribution from construction industry practitioners in serving the society.

The Construction Industry Sports & 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 instil a caring culture amongst them. This year, 52 construction-related organisations and 11 NGOs, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, have participated in the CIVAS, 30,000 volunteers (man-time) have contributed over 210,000 service hours this year, marking an 80,000-hour increment as compared to 2022.

Ms. Alice PANG, Director of Drainage Services, said that “Provide volunteering services to support the people in need and their families in the community and support the idea of ‘Design for Future Build for Life’ Construction Hong Kong to enhance the positive image of industry practitioners and attract more young members to join our industry.”

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC added, “We strive for excellence to improve the technological level and safety culture in the industry. We apply the same mindset to the field of social service, craving to address the real need of the community. Through social service, we hope to forge solidarity among the industry and to spread our passion and care to every corner of the society.”

The Award recognises outstanding projects, organisations, volunteer teams and individuals participated in the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme. “BOOKS for LOVE @ \$10”, the Gold Award of the “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project”, has been organised for 11 years and has mobilised approx. 6,000 volunteers and community ambassadors across different generations to collect, sort and categorise used books, the books are then being sold at a charity price of HK\$10 each to raise funds for two NGO partners to expand their services. Ms. MOK Yuen-ping, the Winner of the “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Individuals” Gold Award, is the founding

hero of the volunteer team of the Water Services Department. As a retired clerical officer, Ms. MOK is passionate and devoted, in the time of COVID, she has picked up new skills to build up an online platform to held volunteering activities, and she is also eager to share her volunteering experience to young members.

The “Annual CISVP Corporate Award for Activeness” was also presented at the Ceremony, to further encourage companies to actively participate in CISVP activities and organise sports and volunteering programmes for their employees. After the award presentation session, recipients of the “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering”, “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project” and “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration” (Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards) were invited to share their experience in coordinating volunteering services. To showcase outstanding performances of awardees and awarded projects, exhibition boards are also set up in the CIC-Zero Carbon Park from today until 23 July 2023.

This year, the CIC organises the “Lo Pan Service Month” from May to August, aiming to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan’s spirit. The three highlights of “Lo Pan Service Month”, namely Blood Donation Days, Coastal Clean-Up and Lo Pan Rice Distribution, have received overwhelming support from industry stakeholders and NGOs.

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



Mr Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, expresses gratitude to the industry for their contribution in volunteering work



Representatives from the construction industry and the NGOs share their experience



Everyone cheers and poses for a group photo



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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.

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