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### International Conference on Modular Integrated Construction Concluded with Great Success

**Hong Kong • 24 April 2018** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Development Bureau jointly organised the International Conference on Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) today. Officiating at the Opening Ceremony were Mr. Michael WONG, Secretary for Development of the HKSAR Government, Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC, and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of CIC.

In his speech, Mr. Michael WONG mentioned that the demand on construction services would continue to rise in the next ten years. According to various forecasts, the construction industry is facing two challenges, which are labour shortage and ageing labour force. The industry needs to come up with effective methods to boost the productivity of construction workers, or we would not be able to tackle the huge challenges ahead. He added, to the Government, MiC would be an effective and perhaps most timely option to help the construction industry to transform the existing conventional labour intensive and site bound construction method.

He also welcomed the HKSAR Government to set up a \$1 billion Construction Innovation and Technology Fund this year to raise the capacities of enterprises and practitioners in the construction industry to adopt and enhance new technologies. Although the Government is still working on the details, he believed that MiC would be one of the key aspects.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui mentioned that the construction industry worldwide had remained stagnant and there were many issues affecting its sustainability; the MiC enabled much structural, architectural and building services to be manufactured and installed in factories, achieving a better performance in safety, environment and quality, as well as tackling the present problems in the industry.

Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) refers to a construction method whereby free-standing volumetric modules (completed with finishes, fixtures and basic building service) manufactured in a prefabrication factory and then transported to site for installation in a building. It is an alternative form of permanent construction delivering buildings. In the Conference, more than 10 renowned international and local speakers from Mainland China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Singapore and Australia etc., were invited to share their experience on MiC. The topics covered the design and application of MiC. The Conference nurtured the development and adoption of MiC in Hong Kong.

For more information about the International Conference on Modular Integrated Construction, please visit <https://www.michk.hk/en/>



Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (10<sup>th</sup> right), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (8<sup>th</sup> left), and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of CIC (10<sup>th</sup> left), CIC Members and guests of Professional Bodies attend the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Modular Integrated Construction



Mr. Michael WONG, Secretary for Development of the HKSAR Government says that more than 10 renowned international and local speakers will share their knowledge and insights in MiC application at today's Conference



In his speech, Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) encourages industry stakeholders to adopt innovative methods to enhance productivity and MiC is one of the methods

### **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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