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**Construction Industry Council Announces
New Training Schemes**

***Four new schemes aim to enhance manpower supply to meet
upcoming construction projects***

Hong Kong · 24 March 2013 - The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today announced new training schemes to strengthen manpower supply for the construction industry through the collaboration with the industry stakeholders.

Background

The government's estimated capital works expenditure will reach a record high of over 70 billion for the fiscal year 2013 to 2014. With the ten major infrastructure projects and other public works now progressing ahead, the construction industry is poised to enter a period of unprecedented growth with a large number of job opportunities being created in the coming years. The industry needs to actively enhance the manpower supply in order to meet the needs of upcoming construction projects.

Mr. LEE Shing-see, Chairman of CIC, said: "In the face of manpower challenge, apart from the in-house training schemes conducted by us, CIC and the industry stakeholders will collaborate seamlessly to provide more training to attract new talents to join the construction workforce. By launching these new training schemes, we hope to support the industry with sufficient manpower supply for their upcoming projects."

New Training Schemes

Four new schemes will be launched this year for talents who are interested in joining the construction industry as well as enhancing their skill levels:-

| Item | Training Schemes | Purposes | Enrollment Starts | Training Capacity |
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| 1 | Subcontractor Cooperative Training Scheme (SCTS) | Members of Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association (HKCSA) and Hong Kong Plumbing & Sanitary Ware Trade Association (HKPSWTA) are encouraged to hire and provide training to workers for six months. | May 2013 | 1,100 |
| 2 | Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme (CCTS) for E&M Trades | To encourage more people to join E&M trades, E&M sub-contractors can recruit and train suitable workers for six months. | May 2013 | 1,111 |
| 3 | Training Allowance for 1st Year Electronic & Mechanics (E&M) Students of Diploma on the Vocational Education (DVE) Programme, Vocational Training Council (VTC) | The scheme is to encourage E&M students of DVE courses to join the industry after one year of training. | Sept 2013 | 595 |

| Item | Subsidy Scheme | Purpose | Commencement | Quota |
|------|--|--|--------------|-------|
| 4 | On-the-job Training Subsidy for Employers of Enhance Construction Manpower Training | The scheme is to encourage employers to provide on-the-job training to ECMTS / CCTS / SCTS | May 2013 | 3,000 |

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| | Scheme (ECMTS) / Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme (CCTS) / SCTS Graduates | graduates and to retain talent in the industry. | | |
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Ir WONG Wing-hoo, Billy WONG, Chairman of Construction Industry Training Board, CIC, said: “These new training schemes would be beneficial to attract new blood and retain talents in the industry. We encourage young people to seize the opportunities to embark on a career in the industry, to create a brighter future and to contribute to the society.”

Course information and application forms will be made available at the CIC website <www.hkcic.org> in April 2013. For course enquiries a telephone hotline 2100 9100 is also provided to assist those wishing to enquire about the courses.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 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 Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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