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**Construction Industry Council Launches**  
**Construction Innovation & Technology Application Centre**  
*To introduce world-class construction technologies*

**Hong Kong · 29 November 2017** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today announced the opening of the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC). The HON Paul CHAN Mo-po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary of HKSAR, Mr. LIU Chun-san, JP, Under Secretary for Development, Ir HON Chi-keung, JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, SBS, JP, Chairman of CIC, and Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of CITAC Board jointly officiated the opening ceremony, marking an important milestone in the development of construction innovation and technologies in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, The HON Paul Chan Mo-po, said that innovation and technology are of utmost importance to the development of every industry, especially the construction sector. He hopes that the local construction industry will actively innovate and adopt new technologies to enhance competitiveness. He added that the government will continue to allocate resources and cooperate with the industry as to create an environment conducive to the development of technologies and innovations.

As one of the CIC's sustainable initiatives, CITAC is committed to promoting the application of innovative techniques and solutions in the local construction industry with a view to providing the industry with cutting-edge information on homegrown and overseas-developed building technologies. CITAC also aims to improve the productivity of small and medium enterprises with the education and adoption of innovative construction methods, hence preparing the industry for "Construction Industry 4.0" in the near future.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui said, “In recent years, the construction industry is plagued with the challenges of rising construction costs and productivity slowdown. According to the 2017 Global Competitiveness Report released by the World Economic Forum, Hong Kong is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in overall global competitiveness index, jumping 3 places from last year, but in terms of the ‘innovation’ pillar, Hong Kong is ranked 26<sup>th</sup>. Despite having world-class infrastructure, the lack of innovative forward thinking will definitely hinder further development of Hong Kong.”

Ir Thomas HO said, “CITAC serves as a knowledge hub to showcase the local and overseas innovative construction technologies. We would like to encourage the industry to be courageous, identify innovative techniques and technologies that are applicable in Hong Kong, collaborate and co-create, thus facilitating sustainable development of the industry.”

CITAC is located on the ground floor of the CIC Kowloon Bay Training Centre. Apart from exhibiting the foremost construction technologies, CITAC will also organise regular seminars and forums to promote the information exchange among construction practitioners. In the near future, CITAC will develop an online e-directory which will house the latest innovation information, relevant case studies and contacts of suppliers. The e-directory will provide visitors a convenient access to information on business support and training programmes.

CITAC’s inaugural exhibition is divided into five different thematic zones, namely “Industrialisation”, “Informatisation”, “Intelligentisation”, “Integration” and “Infinity”. The current exhibition has more than 30 construction innovations on display. CITAC will organise guided tours which is opened for booking for members of the construction industry and public. To book a visit, please call 2100 9810 or email [citac@cic.hk](mailto:citac@cic.hk)

## Photos and Captions:

- 1) CITAC Opening Ceremony was jointly officiated by (from left) Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of CITAC Board, The HON Paul CHAN Mo-po, Mr. LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC, and Ir Albert CHENG Ting-ning.



- 2) Group photo of CITAC Opening Ceremony officiating guests and representatives from CITAC Exhibitors.



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- 3) The HON Paul CHAN Mo-po, Financial Secretary is impressed with the innovative construction technologies introduced at CITAC.



- 4) Representative from CITAC exhibitor introduces to The HON Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary the IoT (Internet of Things) Safety Helmet, which is a smart device that can monitor the health and enhance safety and communication of construction workers.





**Link to CITAC Exhibition Fact Sheet and photos:**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qITbN0K5KFNSsd6fjQ9iKubDSZL01Tyt?usp=s\\_haring](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qITbN0K5KFNSsd6fjQ9iKubDSZL01Tyt?usp=s_haring)

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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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

**About CITAC**

Established by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) in 2017, CITAC aims to explore and identify innovative techniques and technologies, both locally and internationally, which are suitable for adoption in the Hong Kong construction industry, to bring greater productivity, sustainability and safety. CITAC will serve as a knowledge hub by collecting, showcasing and promulgating the latest local and overseas construction technologies; establish a global research network and a collaboration platform with a view to encourage interdisciplinary research activities and collaboration, as well as to nurture a culture within the construction industry that is receptive and conducive to continuous innovation.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/innotechcentre/>

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