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## CIC System Failure Incident

**Hong Kong · 25 March 2019** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) server was suspected to be attacked by a virus on 22 March 2019, leading to a network failure and suspension of some online services and the operation of CIC Service Centres. We apologise to the construction industry and affected workers for any inconvenience caused.

After the incident, whilst our technical personnel are immediately carrying out remedial works for full recovery of the network, we have also deployed technical consultants to investigate into the system. As firewall measures and encryption are in place at the moment, we have not found any leakage of personal nor sensitive data. We have also reported the case to the Police and inform the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong (PCPD) about the matter. Meanwhile, most of the online service and registration service, including the operation of CIC Service Centres at Nam Cheong, Tsing Yi and Kowloon Bay, have resumed progressively.

In addition, the CIC has set up a Response Task Force to enhance the cyber security measures. We are closely monitoring the progress of recovery works and will take necessary improvement actions to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

### **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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