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### *Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings - Version 2*

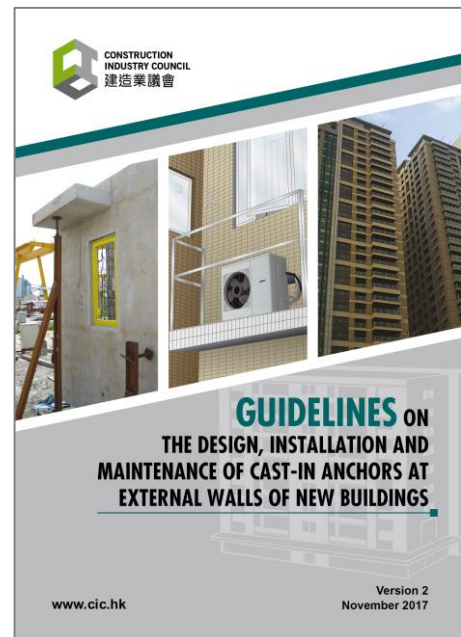
**Hong Kong • 9 November 2017** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the *Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings - Version 2 (Guidelines)*. The Guidelines present the details of the technical guidelines for the location, design, installation and maintenance of cast-in anchors for the direct attachment of personal fall protection system and equipment.

In view of the comments received from the industry on the inspection and testing requirements of cast-in anchors, CIC has made corresponding revisions to Version 1 of Guidelines. Major revisions are:

- (a) Updated the anchor bars standard in the “Technical Design” Section;
- (b) Inclusion of the fencing requirements of air-conditioners (A/C) platforms; and
- (c) Updated the inspection and testing requirements of cast-in anchors in the “Operation / Maintenance” Section.

Ms. Ada FUNG, Chairperson of the Committee on Construction Safety said, “CIC and relevant industry stakeholders have been working closely to review and set out good practices to further enhance construction work safety. Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers (AP/RSE) and other concerned parties including building owners, owners’ corporations, management companies and contractors should also take responsibilities to ensure work safety, e.g. provide secure fencing to A/C platforms, use suitable type of lanyards and safety belt attached to suitable anchorages such as cast-in anchors, and follow the legal requirements for using anchor devices.”

Mr. WU Wai-hung, Chairperson of Task Force on Work Safety of Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) Site under the Committee on Construction Safety of



CIC added, “Permanent safety features, including suitable gondola systems, service platforms and anchor devices, should be provided to buildings as far as reasonably practicable to enhance the safety of workers when carrying out future RMAA works at the external walls to prevent workers from falling from height.”

The *Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings - Version 2* can be downloaded from CIC’s website:

<http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/aboutcic/publications/guidelines/>

### **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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