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**The CIC Urges the LegCo Finance Committee
to Arrange Funding Approval for Outstanding Items
in the Current Legislative Session at the Soonest**

Hong Kong • 12 July 2019 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) expresses disappointment and grave concern over the decision made by the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee that the meetings originally scheduled in July would be cancelled and planned to resume in October the soonest due to the vandalising incident occurred in the LegCo Complex.

Projects pending approval of Finance Committee include the Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel - Construction Works (approx. HK\$16 billion), relocation of supporting operational facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex (approx. HK\$18.8 billion) being approved by Public Works Subcommittee, redevelopment and expansion projects of local hospitals (approx. HK\$10.8 billion), Re-provisioning of Sha Tin Water Treatment Works (approx. HK\$9.5 billion), Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant First Phase Design and Construction (approx. HK\$7.7 billion), and public housing development projects as well as the establishment of an Agricultural Park in Kwu Tung South, which sum up to an approximate total of HK\$75 billion. Most of the projects are closely related to people's livelihood, further delay will impose adverse impact on the construction industry and the overall development of Hong Kong.

In view of the current imminent situation, the CIC has already reflected views of the construction industry to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Chan Kin-por. At present, some workers are underemployed. Further funding delay will affect the volume of construction works, leading to the unemployment of some workers from different trades. This will seriously affect their livelihood and their families, and even the interest of the general public such as the demand for housing and healthcare facilities.

The CIC hopes that Members of the Legislative Council can reach a consensus on the approval method and approve the outstanding funding for the projects in the short term so as to minimise adverse effect on construction workers, sustain the productivity of public



works projects and meet livelihood needs.

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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.

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