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### **Construction Industry Council Sends Local Talents to Join WorldSkills Competition in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 2017**

**Hong Kong • 13 October 2017** — The WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017 will take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 15 to 18 October 2017, celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WorldSkills Competition. The competitors sent by the Construction Industry Council (CIC), and over thousand of competitors from all around the world who will take part in 51 skill competitions have arrived Abu Dhabi to do final preparation. They will attend the opening ceremony which kicks off the 4-day competition tomorrow.

The CIC has sent competitors to participate in skill competitions, including YAU Ho-him (Bricklaying), SUEN Yiu-pan (Joinery), WONG Mei-sze (Painting and Decorating), and YIP Kim-fai (Wall and Floor Tiling). After over one year of all-round training, they are now ready for the challenge and aim to showcase their best performance in the competitions.

"Participating in such an international competition could help promote our local excellent construction technology on the international stage, as well as to enhance the professional image of Hong Kong's construction personnel, and thus, attracting more potential youngsters to join the construction industry. More, Worldskills Competition is a great platform for us to learn about the world-class skills development, which is useful to enhance the construction technology of Hong Kong in the future." said Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, who will depart for Abu Dhabi in person to support the competitors.

Hailed as the Skills Olympics, Worldskills Competition is a biennial international event hosted in different countries which provides a platform for showcasing world-class excellence in skills since 1950. This year, over 1,000 young talents under the age of 22 from over 70 countries and regions join this competition.



The CIC delegate departs for Abu Dhabi to participate in the competition



Outside venue of competition is now ready for the grand occasion



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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.

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