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Second Round Construction Industry "Anti-epidemic Fund" Application from Construction-related Enterprises will Start Tomorrow

Hong Kong • 21 May 2020 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announces that the second round of the Construction Industry "Anti-epidemic Fund" (the Fund) will be available for application from **construction-related enterprises** through a designated online application platform tomorrow (22 May) and the application period will end on 31 August 2020.

The Fund was initiated by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the second round of measures are to cover those **construction-related enterprises** (**subsidy aligned to HK\$20,000**) that were not benefited from the first round. Applicants from eligible enterprises have to submit applications through the online platform, fill in information and upload all required documents, including Business Registration Certificate and bank account information and proof with the same enterprise name. After receiving and verifying all the information, the CIC will directly deposit the subsidy into the enterprise's bank account through auto-payment within four weeks.

In addition, Development Bureau had already sent notification letters individually to eligible consultant firms on 27 April 2020 to call for application of the training subsidy of HK\$50,000.

Application for the second round subsidy of HK\$7,500 for construction workers has already been available since 18 May 2020. As of today, near 210,000 registered construction workers who received the first round subsidy (HK\$1,500) have also received the second round subsidy (HK\$7,500) via the same bank account that they submitted. Meanwhile, the CIC has also received applications from over 190,000 workers as on 21 May 2020. Approval process is now being carried out and the CIC aims to disburse the subsidy to workers as soon as possible.

For more details, please visit website: www.cic.hk/eng/main/anti_epidemic_fund_2nd/ or call the enquiry hotline at 3199 7377. (Please refer to the poster of second round of Construction Industry "Anti-epidemic Fund" – Construction-related Enterprises on page 2)

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY **11-EPIDEMIC FUND**

For Enterprises

Target Beneficiaries

Subsidy

- 1. Registered Minor Works Contractors (Company) under Buildings Ordinance
- 2. Registered Electrical Contractors under Electricity Ordinance
- 3. Registered Gas Contractors under Gas Safety Ordinance
- 4. Registered Lift / Escalator Contractors under Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
- 5. Registered Contractors under Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance
- 6. Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors in classes 1 and/or 2 under the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations
- 7. Suppliers of construction-related machineries and equipment rental (documentary proof for vetting is required) Note 1
- 8. Development Bureau:
 - Contractors, specialist contractors or suppliers on the list of Approved Contractors for Public Works; and
 - the list of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works
- 9. Contractors on the list of Works Contractors maintained by the Housing Authority
- 10. Company members of major construction-related trade associations Note 2
- 11. Company members of recognised professional institutions/associations Note 3 (but not on the AACSB and EACSB lists) Note 4

HK\$20,000 per enterprise

- 1. Under the Government's:
 - Consultant firms on the lists maintained by the Engineering and Associated Consultants Selection Board (EACSB)
 - Consultant firms on the lists maintained by the Architectural and Associated Consultants Selection Board (AACSB)
- 2. Company members of recognised professional institutions/associations Note 3 (but not on the AACSB and EACSB lists)

HK\$50,000 per consultant as training subsidy Note 5

- Note 1: Application details and criteria will be announced in June.
- Note 2: Major construction-related trade associations refer to the eight parties listed in the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587), including The Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association Limited; The Hong Kong Construction Association, Limited; Hong Kong Construction Materials Association Limited; The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited, Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Limited; Hong Kong Hydraulic Truck Cranes Association Limited; Hong Kong Licensed Plumbers Association Limited; and The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited.
- Note 3: Recognised professional institutions/associations include The Hong Kong Institute of Architects; The Association of Architectural Practices; The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors; The Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors; The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects; The Association of Landscape Consultants; The Hong Kong Institute of Planners; The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong; and The Association of Registered Engineering Consultants Limited.
- Note 4: The extended first-round measures of the "Anti-epidemic Fund" have been opened for application on 27 April 2020. For details, please refer to the letter issued by the Development Bureau, HKSAR Government.
- Note 5: The subsidy has been opened for application on 27 April 2020. For details (including the arrangement of Undertaking Form), please refer to the letter issued by the Development Bureau, HKSAR Government.

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Application through online platform until 31 August 2020

Please also refer to the above Notes 4 and 5.



Application details have been announced by phases starting from end of April at www.cic.hk

Construction Industry Council reserves the right to modify or amend the Terms and Conditions of the Anti-epidemic Fund from time to time.



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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 for further details.