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First “Lo Pan Service Day” **Unite Construction industry and Spread Positive Energy**

Hong Kong • 9 July 2017 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held the Construction Industry Volunteer Scheme Launching Ceremony at Construction Industry Council – ZCB (ZCB) today. The officiating guests included Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), HKSAR; Mr. MAK Ka-wai, Deputy Director of Drainage Services; Ms. YU Po-mei, Clarice, Assistant Director (Corporate Services), Buildings Department, HKSAR; Mr. PANG Yiu-hung, Eric, Assistant Director (Gas and General Legislation), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, HKSAR and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC. CIC also announced the first volunteering award presentation ceremony will be held on the first Sunday after Lo Pan Patron’s Day next year to recognise the volunteers and organisations with the most outstanding performance and longest service time.

CIC had created a “commitment tree” with over 500 leaf-shaped cards placed on to showcase the commitment of volunteers. In the ceremony, the officiating guests put the “fruits”, which symbolise different communities, on the tree to kick off the volunteering programme, representing the fruitful achievement after the delicate “irrigation” and “nourishment” from the volunteers. The “commitment tree” accompanied with 20 pieces of panels which introduce the various volunteering services offered by different construction industry organisations will be exhibited at ZCB. The exhibition period starts from today to the end of August. The public is welcomed to visit the exhibition and add “committee leaf” on the tree.

The representatives of Swire Properties Limited, New World Construction Company Limited, Hong Kong Police Force and 2 graduates from CIC shared their volunteering experience and gain from it. CIC graduate LAM Tak-wai took part in volunteering work of haircut and visits to street sleepers since 2003 with more than thousands of beneficiaries. CIC graduate WONG Suet-ying, a member of the volunteering programme since last year, shared her experience in supporting single-parent families.

After the launching ceremony, CIC arranged volunteers from 4 training and trade test centres in the afternoon today to participated in volunteering services to help the needy in the society and spread the volunteering spirit around with warmth and care. Activities

included:

1. Sheung Shui Volunteer Team - Clean-up at Tai Lam Country Park
2. Kowloon Bay Volunteer Team - Visits to Elderly and Low-income families
3. Kwai Chung Volunteer Team - Beach Clean-up at Stanley
4. Aberdeen Volunteer Team – 1-day Tour to Kowloon East including ZCB with Elderly

The launching ceremony was attended by over 150 guests from the government, construction companies, consultant companies and social welfare organisations. Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC expressed gratitude to those who supported the volunteering programme. “One of the significant duties of CIC is to unite the construction industry to facilitate its development. We hope that the participated volunteers can encourage more construction practitioners to take part in this meaningful programme and make it last long like the tradition of Lo Pan Patron’s Day.”

The Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was set up in October last year to encourage a healthy life-style and caring culture amongst construction practitioners. CISVP welcomes construction practitioners to join as members to take part in sports and volunteering activities to strengthen industry cohesion.



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right); Mr. MAK Ka-wai, Deputy Director of Drainage Services, HKSAR (2nd right); Ms. YU Po-mei, Clarice, Assistant Director (Corporate Services), Buildings Department, HKSAR (1st left); Mr. PANG Yiu-hung, Eric, Assistant Director (Gas and General Legislation), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, HKSAR (2nd left); Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (3rd left) and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of CIC (1st right) at Construction Industry Volunteer Scheme Launching Ceremony



Guests of honour and representatives from different organisations showed their support to the Construction Industry Volunteer Scheme



Volunteering teams from different organisations shared the experience and gain from volunteering work

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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