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“18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” Campaign Returns for the Second Year in a Row **CIC and HKCA Distribute 12,000 Meal Boxes to Underprivileged Groups**

Hong Kong • 10 July 2022 – Inheriting the spirit of Master Lo Pan, the patron saint of Chinese builders and carpenters, the Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP) under the Construction Industry Council (CIC) launched the “Construction Industry Lo Pan Rice Campaign” in 2020 during the birthday of Master Lo Pan, and distributed hot meal boxes to underprivileged groups, bringing care and hope to the community. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR this year, the CIC and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) once again join hands and organise the “18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” Campaign from 1 to 31 July 2022, spreading love and care across 18 districts in Hong Kong.

Officiated by Ir Ricky LAU Chun-kit, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), the kick-off ceremony was held today at the CIC-Zero Carbon Park. Ir Thomas HO On-sing, Chairman of the CIC, Sr Eddie LAM Kin-wing, CIC Member and President of the HKCA, as well as Ir Albert CHENG Ting-ning, Executive Director of the CIC, presented certificates of appreciation to the sponsor representatives. Together with Ir Conrad FUNG Kwok-keung, Chairperson of the “18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” Campaign and Vice President of the HKCA, the Campaign was officially launched.

Throughout July, 1,000 volunteers from over 60 construction-related companies and non-governmental organisations will organise more than 160 rounds of Lo Pan Rice distribution, giving out over 12,000 meal boxes and 3,000 goodie bags across 18 districts in Hong Kong. Beneficiaries include low-income families, the unemployed, singleton elderlies, two-elder families, people with limited mobility, ethnic minorities, subdivided households and homeless people, etc, embracing the construction industry’s caring spirit of “We Do What We Can (建義勇為)”.

Ir Ricky LAU said, “the CIC and HKCA firmly believe that ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive’, and have constantly been motivating the construction industry to give back to the society by actively organising and participating in social service activities to support the disadvantaged and alleviate livelihood issues. Upholding the spirit of ‘We Do What We Can’ to form a caring community is exactly what the construction industry can do in response to President Xi’s aspirations for Hong Kong. Volunteering not only helps the

young generation cultivate love and care for the city where they belong, but also guides them to develop a positive outlook on life. Let us work together and contribute to a harmonious and stable Hong Kong.”

“It is the responsibility of the construction industry to build the city”, said Ir Thomas HO. “Just as we encourage our practitioners to maintain ‘Zero Accidents’ at construction sites, we shall strive to unite the industry together and spread the spirit of Master Lo Pan, extending our dedication to caring for each other to all people in need, and making an impact in the community that we serve.”

Sr Eddie LAM added, “it is not uncommon in Hong Kong to give out meal boxes as a token to express care for the community, but with the strong support from the industry and the active participation of volunteering groups, the ‘Lo Pan Rice Campaign’ has become an iconic charity event of the construction industry that has been successfully elevated to cover each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong. This is indeed a remarkable achievement.”



Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), was the Guest of Honour of the “18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” kick-off ceremony



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The "18 Districts Lo Pan Rice" Campaign has received tremendous support from the construction industry

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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.

About CISVP

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was established in 2016 with the aim to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities, including Happy Run, Sports Day and Charity Fun Day, Table Tennis Competition, 5-a-side Football Fun Day and Construction Industry Council Turf Soccer League have been organised since its inception.

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