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“CIC Master Class on Design for Safety (Project Managers)”
Leading a Zero-Accident site environment
in Hong Kong Construction Industry

Hong Kong • 10 October 2022 – To facilitate the development of the Design for Safety approach in Hong Kong, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) launches the first signature course on Design for Safety (DfS), namely the “CIC Master Class on Design for Safety (Project Managers)”. The launching ceremony of Master Class on Design for Safety (Project Managers) was held in CIC – Zero Carbon Park today. Mr. Chris SUN, Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC and Ir Roger WONG, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 2 officiated at the Kick-off Ceremony.

In the Ceremony, Mr. Chris SUN, Secretary for Labour and Welfare addressed that “The Government has been attaching great importance to the occupational safety and health of the construction industry, and has been working closely with industry stakeholders like the Construction Industry Council to promote safety at construction sites. The Labour Department (LD) implements multi-pronged strategies through inspection and enforcement, education and training as well as promotion and publicity to ensure workers’ safety. We stay alert to the changing risk profiles of the industry, and refines its strategies and implements new ones to ensure they are always relevant and timely.”

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC said at the Ceremony, “The CIC has issued the *Reference Material on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry* earlier this year, clearly stating the safety roles and responsibilities of each level of stakeholders. While Tonkin Street and Jat Min Chuen projects are the perfect examples to demonstrate how all stakeholders collaborate to deliver a sustainable and livable environment. We will never be successful if we fail to gain the full support from clients, consultants, main contractors, subcontractors and our frontline operatives.”

In the closing remarks, Ir Roger WONG, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 2 mentioned, “DfS apart from standing for ‘Design for Safety’ also shares three more crucial



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rationales, namely 'Doing for Stakeholders', 'Digitalising for Stride' and 'Developing for Success'. We have to perform better than ever on construction safety so as to giving confidence to the public that our industry has the capability to undertake projects and complete them.”

Two overseas industry experts Mr. Jaimie JOHNSTON, Head of Global Systems, Bryden Wood and Mr. Ian ASKEW, Technical Director, Balfour Beatty plc shared their valuable experience and insights on benefits of DfS to improve diversity, productivity, sustainability and safety performance. This signature course aims to improve the industry safety, sustainability and productivity for supporting the implementation and development of Design for Safety in Hong Kong.



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Mr. Chris SUN, Secretary for Labour and Welfare said that the government has been working closely with industry stakeholders to promote construction safety



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Mr Roger WONG, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 2 pointed out that we have to perform better than ever on construction safety to giving more confidence to the public



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Mr. Chris SUN, Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Front: 3rd Right); Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (Front: 2nd left); Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (Front: 2nd right) took photo with course advisory panel members.



Mr. Chris SUN, Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Front: 5th right); Ms. Alice PANG, Director of Drainage Services (Front: 1st left); Mr. Michael FONG, Director of Civil Engineering and Development (Front: 2nd left); Mr. Kelvin LO, Director of Water Supplies (Front: 1st right); Hon CHAN Pui-leung, Legislative Council Member (Front: 3rd left); Ir Hon CHAN Siu-hung, Legislative Council Member (Front: 2nd right); Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (Front: 5th left); Ir Roger WONG, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 2 (Front: 6th left); Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (Front: 4th right); Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of Committee on Construction Safety (Front: 3rd right) and Sr Eddie LAM, President of Hong Kong Construction Association (Front: 4th left) took photo with CIC Members and other government officials



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The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007. 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 CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provides professional training and registration service, as well as provide a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

For more information about Construction Industry Council, welcome to www.cic.hk.