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**CIC Launches “Master Class
on Temporary Works (Engineers and Supervisors)”
Draw Industry’s Attention to Temporary Works
Urging Industry to Develop Temporary Works Management Plan**

Hong Kong •9 December 2022 – To promote good practices in temporary works in the construction industry in Hong Kong, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) has launched the first master class for engineers and supervisors, entitled "Master Class on Temporary Works (Engineers and Supervisors)". This professional course aims to enhance the practical skills and knowledge of managers in temporary works' projects. Participants will be able to identify improvement options to achieve construction safety by understanding the design of temporary works and its management control framework. The launching ceremony of the Master Class on Temporary Works was held in CIC – Zero Carbon Park. Mr. Vincent FUNG, Deputy Commissioner (Occupational Safety and Health) of Labour Department, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Ir Stephen MAK, the Chairman, The Association of Consulting Engineers Hong Kong (ACEHK), Mr. Tim LOHMANN, Director of Strategic Engineering, Keltbray, UK and Mr. Chris CHENG, Chairman of Hong Kong Temporary Works Forum officiated at the Kick-off Ceremony.

In the Ceremony, Mr. Vincent FUNG addressed that “The Labour Department attaches great importance to the occupational safety and health of the construction industry. Over the years, we have been implementing multi-pronged strategies through inspection and enforcement, education and training as well as promotion and publicity to ensure workers’ safety. We also put protection of occupational safety and health of employees, promotion of occupational safety and health standard and reduction of occupational accidents high on the government’s agenda.”

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC said at the Ceremony, “Safety of temporary works are just as important as permanent works. Temporary works, whether large or small, are

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also required to follow standard working procedures. If the construction design and planning of temporary works are not properly carried out, it will cause prolonged impacts on its permanent structures, and may also bring hazards to the work team, jeopardising workers' wellbeing, project delays or the overall budget. It is, therefore, a must for industry practitioners to develop temporary works management plan, to reduce risks on temporary works.”

In the closing remarks, Mr. Chris CHENG mentioned that some of the industrial accidents and tragedies could have been caused by improper temporary engineering structures, he advocated for the industry to develop the Codes of Practice for industry professionals to follow the guidelines for Temporary Works, thus reduce the chance of accidents. Two industry experts Ir Stephen MAK, the Chairman of The Association of Consulting Engineers Hong Kong (ACEHK), and Mr. Tim LOHMANN, Director of Strategic Engineering, Keltbray, UK shared their valuable experience and insights on benefits of proper design and planning of temporary works to improve safety performance. This course aims to train industry professionals to implement a design and management control framework for temporary works in Hong Kong with a view to enhancing site safety, sustainability and productivity.

The Master Class on Temporary Works is now open for enrollment and the next course will start in December 2022. The CIC welcomes all companies or organisations to apply and let more industry participants to learn innovative solutions on Temporary Works. Course admission are on a first-come-first-served basis.

For course information, course fee, admission requirements and related information, please visit: https://www.spdc.hkic.edu.hk/en/course_search_detail?courseId=111

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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC delivers welcome remarks at the kick-off ceremony.



Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (Front: 3rd left); Mr. Vincent FUNG, Deputy Commissioner of Labour Department (Front: 4th left); Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (Front: 3rd right) take photo with course advisory panel members.

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About Construction Industry Council

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.

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