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CIC's Reminder on Construction Safety during CNY Holidays
New Safety Webinar Series Urges Industry for a Review on
Safety Precautions

Hong Kong – 18 January 2023 – Starting from January 2023, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) has launched a new series of "Life First - Walk the Talk" webinars. Over 3,000 participants registered for the first webinar titled "Fatal Zone Management" today. Representatives from project owners, contractors and technology companies shared experience on enhancing safety awareness in fatal zone management during the webinar.

In the opening remarks, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC said, "A number of construction companies signed the Safety Charter with CIC in November 2022 to promote safety awareness. However, it is saddening to see that despite our effort, over 20 lives were lost in accidents. We must learn from our mistakes and implement 'Design for Safety' at sites, better plan safety management measures throughout the construction cycle, and adopt 'Safe Smart Site' with the help of technologies. Each temporary work site should also apply all safety measures throughout the process."

Representatives from the Three Runway System Project Management Office, BUCG-CCCL Joint Venture, Gammon Construction Limited, Kong Chun Machinery Trading Co Ltd. and viAct shared valuable experience in fatal zone management. All guests agreed that innovative technology helps to ensure site safety, contractors can apply for the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund for assistance in leveraging construction technologies to enhance site safety. It was also highlighted that all stakeholders, including clients and contractors, share the responsibility to ensure site safety and everyone should be involved to achieve zero accidents at site.

Ir Thomas HO alerted stakeholders in the construction industry to never turn a blind eye to safety issues. The coming 6 weeks will be critical as many workers will be on holiday during Chinese New Year. All management staff, including frontline supervisors and top management, should set a good example by visiting their sites and perform safety checks. The CIC reminds construction sites that work should be halted if there are not enough

workers, a thorough review on safety equipment and risk management must be carried out to avoid any pitfalls. CIC will continue to promote construction safety and strive to accomplish the goal of zero accidents at site.

The "Life First - Walk the Talk" webinar series will be held in the afternoon of the third Wednesday each month, so as to raise construction practitioners' awareness of the latest construction safety information. Let us join hands to prevent accidents and say "no" to danger.

Video from the webinar :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mc3EWkiStiv5AG5RhUvvoN520r3nBh1a/view?usp=sharing>



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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.

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