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Construction Industry Lo Pan Service Months 2023 - CIC x HKCA
"Lo Pan Boxed Meal" Kick-off Ceremony
CIC and HKCA Spread Warmth and Love To Underprivileged Groups

Hong Kong • 5 July 2023 – 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) has launched the “Construction Industry Lo Pan Rice Campaign” since 2020 during the birthday of Master Lo Pan in the sixth month of the Chinese Calendar, and distributes hot meal boxes to underprivileged groups, bringing care and hope to the community. To encourage industry participation and support for the “Construction Industry Lo Pan Rice Campaign”, the CIC has collaborated with the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) to hold the “18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” Campaign in July over the past two years. This year, as the pandemic situation improves and society returns to normal, the CIC and HKCA jointly organised the ‘Construction Industry Lo Pan Service Months 2023 - CIC x HKCA "Lo Pan Boxed Meal" Kick-off Ceremony’ today, with the full support of the Development Bureau and the Hong Kong Lo Pan Kwong Yuet Tong, spreading love and care across Hong Kong community.

The Kick-off Ceremony was officiated by Mr. HO Kai-ming, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, which was held today at Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong - New Territories Center. He was joined by Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Sr Eddie LAM, CIC Member and President of the HKCA, and Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of the CISVP Committee, when launching the event. Representatives of sponsoring organisations were presented with certificates of appreciation. This event received overwhelming support and active participation from more than 40 industry companies and social welfare organisations. Apart from distributing the "Lo Pan Boxed Meal", representatives from sponsoring organisations, alongside with the beneficiaries, together enjoyed magic shows, singing performances by singers Bill NG and Miranda LEE from the talent show "Midlife, Sing & Shine!" and towel gymnastics workshops. In addition, goodie bags were distributed to beneficiaries, including singleton elderlies and two-elder families. Everyone enjoyed a happy and joyful evening, feeling the care and love from the construction industry.

Mr. HO Kai-ming, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare extended his thanks to the practitioners of the construction industry for taking their time in participating in volunteering works and donate to support the event. He added that there are about 1.5 million elderly persons in Hong Kong aged 65 or above at present. Therefore, in the next

step, we have to think about how to transform our community to be elderly-friendly, and he wished that the construction industry will bring up more new ideas to make Hong Kong a more livable city.

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, said, “We are going to mobilise more than 1,200 volunteers from the industry to participate in the ‘18 Districts Lo Pan Rice’ Campaign and distribute over 15,000 hot meal boxes to people in need all over Hong Kong. Apart from building up the city, practitioners of the construction industry have to shoulder our social responsibility by creating an inclusive community filled with love.”

Sr Eddie LAM, CIC Member and President of the HKCA, added, “This event reflects the togetherness and passions of our industry in showing care and love to the community by distributing Lo Pan Rice, and provides a platform for volunteer teams organised by industry companies to collaborate with different social welfare organisations in Hong Kong. It not only helps to promote the development and diversification of volunteer works, but also benefits the creation of the culture of helping and caring for one another within the society.”

With the love and support of industry stakeholders and friends, over the past two years, the “18 Districts Lo Pan Rice” Campaign has distributed over 17,000 meals box and 5,000 goodie bags to low-income families, the unemployed, singleton elderlies, two-elder families, people with limited mobility, ethnic minorities, subdivided households and homeless people at over 210 locations in Hong Kong, allowing the public to recognise the power of construction industry volunteers and to promote the ethos of “LoPan spirit, community benefit (魯班精神·惠澤社群)”.



Mr. HO Kai-ming, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare (2nd left), Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (2nd right), Sr Eddie LAM, CIC Member and President of the HKCA (1st left), as well as Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of the CISVP Committee (1st right), officiate the kick-off ceremony



The Construction Industry Lo Pan Service Months 2023 - CIC x HKCA "Lo Pan Boxed Meal" Kick-off Ceremony has received tremendous support from the construction industry



Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (2nd right) participates in the Magic Show.



Sr Eddie LAM, CIC Member and President of the HKCA (right) distributes goodie bags to the elderly



Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of the CISVP Committee (2nd right) shows care to the beneficiaries

Construction Industry Lo Pan Service Months 2023 - CIC x HKCA "Lo Pan Boxed Meal" Kick Off Ceremony (by alphabetical order):

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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.

Please visit www.cisvp.hk for further details.