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### **Annual Signature Event "Construction Month 2023" Over 20 Magnificent Activities Guiding the Construction Industry and the Public to Embrace Carbon Neutrality**

**Hong Kong • 11 November 2023** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC)'s annual signature event "Construction Month 2023" opening ceremony was successfully held today at the CIC-Zero Carbon Park (CIC-ZCP). The theme of this year is "Build Green, Live Green", in conjunction with construction-related and public events to promote the construction industry and engage the public to adopt low-carbon living and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Honourable guests including Miss Rosanna LAW Shuk-pui, Permanent Secretary for Housing / Director of Housing of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Miss Pamela LAM Nga-man, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 1, Development Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Ir Dr. Hon LO Wai-kwok, the Member of the Legislative Council, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC and Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Zero Carbon Building Management Board officiated at the ceremony, unveiling exciting activities during the Construction Month.

#### **The Construction Industry Shares the Green and Low Carbon Vision with the Public**

The Hong Kong government is committed to leading all industries to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. In his welcome speech, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC mentioned, "The construction sector plays a significant role in advancing Hong Kong's social and economic development. In the past, we have spared no effort to reduce carbon emissions by introducing a number of innovative construction technologies and methods. In addition to the joint efforts of the industry, promoting a low-carbon lifestyle to the community is also essential."

Miss Rosanna LAW Shuk-pui, Permanent Secretary for Housing / Director of Housing addressed at the Ceremony, "We have been working closely with the CIC to enhance construction safety, sustainability, and innovative technologies, supporting Construction Month's series of activities to raise public awareness of the importance of sustainable development. "She also expressed her gratitude to CIC for organising Construction Month from 2018 which aims to foster a broader adoption of low-carbon living.

The "ZCP Green Heroes" Award Presentation Ceremony was also held concurrently which aims to recognise the efforts of the "ZCP Green Heroes" in actively reducing their carbon footprint in daily life. The "MiC Play Unit 2" in the CIC-ZCP has been upgraded

with sustainable materials. Using hexagonal-sharped, pre-fabricated and readymade MiC components to create a sustainable community play unit, the flexibility and versatility of MiC architecture are displayed to the public, whilst establishing a family-friendly communal space. And parents can also take the opportunity to educate the next generation about the infinite possibilities of MiC.

### **Convergence of Large-scale Industry Events with Arts and Cultural Activities for the Public**

"Construction Month 2023" comprises of more than 20 events related to the construction industry and low-carbon living, and a number of signature industry events have been held concurrently. One of the signature events "Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2023" (GCSFE 2023) focuses on sustainable development of the construction industry and will be held from 20 November. The 4-day GCSFE 2023 features exhibitions, forums, award ceremonies, charter signing ceremonies, and technical tours. The event was designed as an international cross-industry knowledge exchange platform for practitioners and the general public, stimulating collaboration among stakeholders towards sustainable development. To engage in further exchange and enhance construction workers' operational skills within the industry, the Construction Industry Mechanical Operation Competition 2023 was held to honour skillful workers in their professional sector.

Throughout the month, CIC-ZCP will organise a wide range of cultural and artistic green and low-carbon activities. Activities highlights include an animal-themed art exhibition with an upcycling concept name "Upcycled Plastic X Nature: the Aesthetics of Architecture"; a Robotics x STEAM Construction Day Camp to nurture a new generation of construction talents; Percussion Instruments Marathon and ZCP Green Heroes Acknowledgement Ceremony cum Obstacle Race; ZCP Green Market; Explore Kowloon East Green Tour, and Upcycling Green Workshop to promote low-carbon lifestyle; Percussion Marathon and Green Music Flash Mob to connect the communities with music. Don't miss the upcycling exhibit "From the Forest to the Future" located in the grassland in CIC-ZCP for public engagement. Part of the exhibit transformed fallen trees from typhoon into a recreational facility that merges perfectly with the nature. All are welcomed to come with their families and friends to experience a new low-carbon lifestyle and take part in the "Carbon Neutrality" journey!

For more details on Construction Month 2023, please visit:

[https://bit.ly/CM2023\\_Eng](https://bit.ly/CM2023_Eng)

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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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

### **Photo download link**

[https://bit.ly/ConstructionMonth2023\\_Photos](https://bit.ly/ConstructionMonth2023_Photos)



*The theme of Construction Month 2023 is "Build Green, Live Green", to deepen the public's understanding of the construction industry and to encourage them to adopt low-carbon living and build a sustainable future together*



*Miss Rosanna LAW Shuk-pui, Permanent Secretary for Housing / Director of Housing delivered her opening remarks*



*Miss Rosanna LAW Shuk-pui, Permanent Secretary for Housing / Director of Housing (Middle), Miss Pamela LAM Nga-man, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 1, Development Bureau (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Ir Dr. Hon LO Wai-kwok, the Member of Legislative Council (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> right), and Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Zero Carbon Building Management Board (1<sup>st</sup> left) officiated at the ceremony, unveiling the exciting activities during the Construction Month*



Upcycling exhibit "From the Forest to the Future". A significant outdoor recreational facility has been installed at CIC-ZCP's grassland using some of the materials salvaged from typhoons that HK Timberbank collected, which will be open to the public from now until 30 November. Upon completion of the exhibition, part of the wood will be upcycled into Luggage tags, extending its life cycle and demonstrating the principle of circular economy. Interested parties can leave their contact information after the visit to obtain relevant souvenirs to support the programme

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CONSTRUCTION MONTH 2023 築月

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Build Green, Live Green

# 建造機械 x STEAM 互動訓練日營

## Robotics x STEAM Construction Day Camp

日期: 11月26日 (星期日)

時間: 下午1時30分至6時正

*Nowadays, construction sites are equipped with a variety of robots to help with various job processes, improving Speed, Quantity, and Safety. In view of this, CIC-ZCP and Buddhist Ho Nam Kam College have collaborated to organise the Robotics x STEAM Construction Day Camp on 26 November. The event will focus on robotics and STEAM, inviting Primary 4 to Primary 6 students to express their creativity and deepen their understanding of the application of construction machinery*



*"ZCP Green Heroes" Award Badges Programme enters its third year, two exclusive activities for ZCP Green Heroes will be launched this year, namely the Green Percussion Instruments Workshop and ZCP Green Heroes Acknowledgement Ceremony cum Obstacle Race, to encourage students to understand the importance of sustainability and carbon neutrality while having fun!*



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*A number of low-carbon seminars covered topics including exercise, upcycling, and environmental protection. Parents, kids, and their friends are welcome to join*





*On November 26, CIC-ZCP will host the ZCP Green Market again to promote a culture of recycling, reuse, and waste reduction. To practice environmental protection in their daily lives, participants may exchange toys, clean and worn clothes, and other reusable products*