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**Attracting Over 10,000 Visits and Driving Collaboration**  
**The CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition**  
**Delivers Fruitful Results**

**Hong Kong • 22 November 2023** – The CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2023 (GCSFE 2023) jointly organised by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Development Bureau (DEVB) of the HKSAR Government successfully concluded the 3-day major activities today. Over 40 worldwide speakers and around 40 exhibitors participated respectively in the 3-day forums and exhibitions. The event, which was well-recognised and received by the industry, attracted over 10,000 physical and online visits. Serving as an information-sharing and innovation-driving platform, GCSFE 2023 delivered 5 Forums on 8 topics related to sustainability, signed 2 Charters, organised 2 awards presentation ceremony, launched the CIC Construction Digitalisation Award, and facilitated the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Exhibition also showcased the latest construction technologies and solutions in 7 major aspects.

With the mission of supporting the Government and the industry to build a vibrant, liveable and sustainable city for Hong Kong, the GCSFE 2023 demonstrated the CIC's strong dedication in promoting ESG, high-productivity construction, digitalisation and talent development. Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC said, "With numerous developmental plans in the pipeline and the strong impetus for growth in the Mainland, Hong Kong's annual construction volume is expected to reach about HK\$300 billion in future. The GCSFE 2023 gathered experts and attracted talents to exchange knowledge and ideas to promote the culture of sustainable construction. To uplift the capability of the industry and to enhance quantity, speed, efficiency and quality of works, the CIC is very much committed to realising a vision of world-class safety, sustainability and productivity of the construction industry through the help of innovative technology. The GCSFE 2023 served as a perfect platform in mobilising the construction sector towards this common direction."

The 3-day Forums and Exhibitions, held at the Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong, and Sky 100 respectively, explored a diversified range of themes on sustainability, green buildings, as well as smart and safe construction, with keynote speeches and thematic presentations given by renowned speakers including Government officials, subject experts, renowned academics and entrepreneurs with relevant background and expertise. The signing of the Sustainable Construction Charter and the Construction Digitalisation Charter showed the support and commitment of industry stakeholders towards decarbonisation and realising

digitalisation.

Today, the CIC also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The ESG Consortium (ESGC). The MoU will foster long-term strategic collaboration and development of ESG potential and initiatives for the construction sector, motivating small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to adopt safety and environmental practices. “Through knowledge sharing and capacity building, we can equip SMEs with the necessary tools and guidance to implement ESG initiatives effectively. Additionally, by exploring innovative financing mechanisms for safety and ESG-friendly initiatives, we can help small companies overcome financial hurdles and unlock new opportunities for sustainable growth.” Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, said during the signing ceremony.

Mr. Hugh CHOW, Executive Director of ESGC, expressed that “In HK, other than the financial industry, the largest industry is the construction industry. The work itself every year has found HK\$300 billion. So, it touches a lot of lives and families, and it is really meaningful. We are really excited about this signing of MoU, marking not the end but the beginning of a longer journey of promoting sustainability, ESG, and most importantly safety in the construction industry.”

Moreover, the CIC will be organising technical tours tomorrow, providing opportunities for participants to visit outstanding construction projects in Hong Kong to widen their exposure, to enhance learning experience and to learn from examples.

For more details of the GCSFE, please visit our website at [www.cic.hk/gcsfe/en](http://www.cic.hk/gcsfe/en).



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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> row 3<sup>rd</sup> right), Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (1<sup>st</sup> row 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> row 2<sup>nd</sup> left), Prof. Jack CHENG, Chairperson of CIC Committee on BIM and CD (1<sup>st</sup> row 2<sup>nd</sup> right), Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Organising Committee of GCSFE 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> row 1<sup>st</sup> right), witness the Construction Digitalisation Charter Signing Ceremony with CIC Members

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Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (middle) presents awards to Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award 2023 winners

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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (3<sup>rd</sup> right), Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (middle), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (3<sup>rd</sup> left), officiates the CIC Construction Digitalisation Award 2024 Launching Ceremony with Organising Committee Members Ir John KWONG (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Prof. Jack CHENG (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Dr. Winne TANG (1<sup>st</sup> left) and Mr. Alex HO (1<sup>st</sup> right)



GCSFE 2023 delivered 5 Forums in 3 days with over 40 worldwide sharing their experience



Under the witness of Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (2<sup>nd</sup> row 3<sup>rd</sup> right), Ir Edmund LEUNG, Director of ESGC (2<sup>nd</sup> row 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (2<sup>nd</sup> row 2<sup>nd</sup> right), Ir HO Chi-shing, Certification Committee Member of ESGC (2<sup>nd</sup> row 2<sup>nd</sup> left), Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the CIC Committee on Environment (2<sup>nd</sup> row 1<sup>st</sup> right) and Mr. Stanley ZHENG, Chief Secretariat Officer of ESGC (2<sup>nd</sup> row 1<sup>st</sup> left), the MoU was signed by Mr. Alex HO, Director - Industry Development of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> row right) and Mr. Hugh CHOW, Executive Director of ESGC (1<sup>st</sup> row left)



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The first three days of the event record more than 10,000 visits, with the exhibition attracting visitors from different sectors to learn about the latest construction technologies

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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.

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