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“Designated Workers for Designated Skills” to be Implemented
Senior Workers Urged to Register

Hong Kong · 15 May 2016 – The “designated workers for designated skills” provision will be implemented on 1 April 2017. Under this provision, unregistered skilled workers will be forbidden from carrying out skilled works independently, except works under “instruction and supervision” and “exempted works”. Workers will need to take trade tests to register as skilled workers. However, through September, senior workers possessing ten or more years of skilled work experience are eligible to directly register as skilled workers through the "Senior Workers Registration Arrangement" without taking any trade test.

CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, states that the "Senior Workers Registration Arrangement" is a one-off arrangement. He appeals to all senior workers to register before the 30 September 2016 deadline. Detailed information is available by calling tel. no. 2873 1911.

CHAN also says that due to delays in approving public works projects by the Legislative Council in the past two to three years, the schedule of works implementation for a number of trades, e.g. professionals and technical staff responsible for initial project planning and design have been interrupted. University graduates are facing more difficulties in securing employment than before. He stresses that the healthy development of the construction industry relies on a sustainable and stable volume of construction works. He appeals to the soonest funding approval by LegCo Members to avoid any further impacts to other trades.



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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, to provide training and registration for the construction workforce, and to serve as a communication channel for the Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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