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**Construction Industry Council launches new training pilot scheme
to groom for more skilled workers**

Hong Kong · 1 September 2015 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) launched today a new training pilot scheme, Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme (ACMTS), at a ceremony held in the Construction Industry Resource Centre.

The ACMTS comprises two training programmes: “Structured On-the-job” training and “Skills Enhancement Courses”, which aims to groom semi-skilled workers to skilled workers in a systematic way with a shorter training period. The former is a collaborative training scheme designed to train up semi-skilled workers with less-than-a-year work experience to become skilled workers in one to two years depending on trade. Offered by four trade unions, the latter targets semi-skilled workers with one to three years of work experience, and trainees are required to attend 90-hour classroom and workshop training within six months and to pass the trade test to become skilled workers.

“Ongoing infrastructure projects in these years have heralded a golden era in the construction industry,” said Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of CIC, in the welcome remarks. “CIC is, therefore, keen to train a professional team for the upcoming projects of residential buildings and infrastructure development, as well as building safety, heritage conservation and revitalisation.”

Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairman of Construction Industry Training Board of CIC expressed gratitude to all the support received. “From planning to implementation, CIC had been discussing with the government and the trade associations and trade unions,” he said while attributing the successful implementation of the scheme to the mutual goal of training skilled workers for the industry.

Overwhelmed by the support from government officials, main contractors, sub-contractors, representatives from professional institutions as well as trade associations and trade unions, over one hundred people attended the ceremony with more than a hundred of applications were received.



To learn more about the ACMTS, please visit CIC's website:



“Structured On-the-job” training



“Skills Enhancement Courses”

For photos of the launching ceremony, please visit CIC's Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CICHK>

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 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 Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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