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The CIC to Compete with its Largest-ever Delegation at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

Hong Kong • 23 September 2026 – The 48th WorldSkills Competition held a grand opening ceremony in Shanghai last night, kicking off the four days of competition from today. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has sent a record nine outstanding young construction professionals to represent Hong Kong in eight trades, where they will compete against top talents from other countries and regions in pursuit of excellence.

The WorldSkills Competition is hailed as the Skills Olympics. This year's event brings together approximately 1,400 top young talents competing in 64 skill categories. The CIC's young competitors include LAW Chun-ho in Bricklaying skill category, TO Lung-wai in Cabinetmaking skill category, HUANG To-kong and WAN Tsz-ho in Concrete Construction Work skill category, HUANG Tsz-ho in Joinery skill category, LAW Chak-sum in Painting and Decorating skill category, FANG Chak in Plumbing and Heating skill category, TAI Hsin-i in Wall and Floor Tiling skill category, and TSE Yu-lok in Welding skill category. This year also marks the CIC's first participation in the Cabinetmaking skill category, demonstrating our commitment to creating more pathways for young people to showcase their talents on the world stage.

After a series of intensive professional training, exchange competitions, and physical conditioning, the competitors are mentally and physically prepared to compete at their best on the international stage and bring honour to Hong Kong and the construction industry. Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, Ir Dr. LO Wai-kwok, Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) Management Board, joined forces with industry leaders to form a cheering squad. They have travelled to Shanghai to support the competitors and will participate in technical exchanges with global industry counterparts.

Ir Prof. Thomas HO stated, "The WorldSkills Competition is a vital platform for showcasing the professionalism of Hong Kong's young people to the world. I look forward to seeing these nine outstanding young craftsmen demonstrate their full potential, elevate their skills and showcase to the world the spirit of Hong Kong's craftsmanship - craftsmanship, craftsman-soul, craftsman-skills, and craftsman-action. I also hope they will learn from elite competitors from around the world and bring an international perspective back to Hong Kong, and inject new momentum into the high-quality development of the construction industry." Ir Albert CHENG also said, "HKIC has established a training base that meets the WorldSkills standards for this year's team. It has also adopted a 'train through competition' approach, arranging for competitors to travel to the Chinese Mainland and overseas to participate in numerous high-level warm-up and exchange competitions to gain valuable practical experience. In addition, professional mental

preparation sessions were provided to help them adjust mindset, assist them in raising their standards, and strive for excellent result."

Held alongside the WorldSkills Competition, the CIC is participating in the WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 Expo with a signature exhibition booth under the theme "Hong Kong Infrastructure: Bridging Horizons". The booth showcases Hong Kong's world-class infrastructure achievements and innovative advancements in smart construction and industrialisation. The exhibits feature a range of smart construction technologies adopted in Hong Kong, including artificial intelligence (AI), construction robotics, Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), and Building Information Modelling (BIM). Featured innovations include the CIC AI Assistant (Construction Safety), SmartEye, remote control tower cranes, S960 ultra-high strength steel, and i-Core (an IoT tracking and sensing device). Through the exhibition, the CIC highlights how Hong Kong leverages smart construction, industrialisation and innovative technologies to continuously enhance the standards of safety, productivity, quality, and sustainability. The CIC and the construction industry will, as always, take the mission of building Hong Kong to heart, leveraging its role as a super-connector and international infrastructure hub to showcase to the world the professionalism, innovative strengths of Hong Kong's construction industry.

Since its inception in 1950, the WorldSkills Competition has been held biennially in different countries and is hailed as the "Skills Olympics". The CIC has won seven Medallions for Excellence to date. This year's competition has attracted around 1,400 competitors aged 22 or below from approximately 70 countries and regions, providing a platform for young talents to showcase their skills and exchange expertise.

For more updates on the CIC's competitors and the latest news, please visit the CIC's social media platform: <https://www.facebook.com/CICCHK>



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The competitors departed for Shanghai on 19 September. They are (from left): HUANG Tsz-ho (Joinery), HUANG To-kong (Concrete Construction Work), LAW Chun-ho (Bricklaying), LAW Chak-sum (Painting and Decorating), TAI Hsin-i (Wall and Floor Tiling), TO Lung-wai (Cabinetmaking), WAN Tsz-ho (Concrete Construction Work), TSE Yu-lok (Welding) and FANG Chak (Plumbing and Heating) already in Shanghai for preparation



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The opening ceremony of WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 was held last night, officially kicking off four days of competition from today onward



Ir Prof. Thomas HO (2nd left), Chairman of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG (1st right), Executive Director of the CIC, Ir Dr. LO Wai-kwok (4th right), Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) Management Board, as well as industry leaders, have arrived Shanghai to cheer for the competitors and participate in technical exchanges with global industry counterparts



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Hong Kong's competitors are fully prepared for the 48th WorldSkills Competition, where they will compete against top young skilled professionals from around the world

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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.

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