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**The CIC Achieves Best-Ever Results with Three Medallions for
Excellence at WorldSkills Competition
Showcasing Craftsmanship Excellence and Spirit**

Hong Kong • 28 September 2026 – The 48th WorldSkills Competition concluded successfully in Shanghai last night. The CIC sent nine young competitors participating in eight skill categories. They were LAW Chun-ho in Bricklaying, LAW Chak-sum in Painting and Decorating, HUANG To-kong and WAN Tsz-ho in Concrete Construction Work, TSE Yu-lok in Welding, TO Lung-wai in Cabinetmaking, HUANG Tsz-ho in Joinery, TAI Hsin-i in Wall and Floor Tiling, and FANG Chak in Plumbing and Heating.

Demonstrating the results of their dedication and hard work throughout the four-day “Olympics of Skills”, the competitors **secured three Medallions for Excellence**, marking the CIC’s best-ever performance at the WorldSkills Competition. **The award-winning competitors are LAW Chak-sum, TSE Yu-lok, HUANG To-kong and WAN Tsz-ho.** Over the past week, Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, also commended the remarkable growth demonstrated by all competitors were present to support and encourage the competitors. In addition to congratulating the award winners, they also praised all competitors for gaining confidence and maturity through rigorous training and valuable experience of competing on the international stage.

Ir Prof. Thomas HO expressed his encouragement and satisfaction with the competitors’ performances, saying, “these achievements not only recognise the competitors’ dedication, perseverance and hard work, but also demonstrate the spirit of craftsmanship and the pursuit of excellence. They are a testament to the CIC’s commitment and achievements in nurturing talent. We hope that the success stories of these young competitors will inspire the public, especially young people, to see the vast opportunities offered by skills development.”

Ir Albert CHENG added, “While these medals are certainly worth celebrating, it is even more important to send a clear message to our society: skills can build careers, and skilled professionals can become future leaders. Through WorldSkills, we hope to enhance public recognition of professional skills and encourage more young people to pursue their aspirations through talent, determination and hard work, creating their own paths to success.”

Hong Kong claimed its first-ever WorldSkills award in Concrete Construction Work, with competitors HUANG To-hong and WAN Tsz-ho earning a Medallion for Excellence. As the skill category requires teamwork, they shared that differences of opinions were inevitable during training. By learning to understand, support and trust one another, they were able

to overcome challenges. Their expert Mr. James LI highlighted the duo's strong chemistry despite their contrasting personalities, as well as their mutual trust they had built, saying their success demonstrated the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving excellence.

The CIC has achieved a Medallion for Excellence in Welding for three consecutive WorldSkills Competitions. Competitor TSE Yu-lok shared that he underwent intensive training from 8am to 10pm over the past year. He expressed gratitude to his expert and trainers for their dedicated guidance and support, and he added that the WorldSkills Competition had contributed significantly to his personal growth. His expert Mr. WO Kin-kee praised TSE's determination, hard work and commitment, noting that the award was a well-deserved recognition of his efforts.

Meanwhile, LAW Chak-sum was thrilled to receive a Medallion for Excellence in Painting and Decorating. He admitted that he had not dared to expect too much when recalling the mistakes he had made during training. Despite setbacks and moments of frustration, he chose to face challenges and head-on. He attributed his achievement to the guidance and support of his expert, trainers and senior peers. His expert Mr. YEUNG Man-cheung commended LAW's focus, adaptability and strong mentality, describing the award as a well-deserved reward for his hard work.

This year's competition featured 64 skill categories, further broadening the depth and scope of skills development. Ahead of the competition, the CIC competitors underwent a series of intensive skills training programmes, exchange competitions and physical conditioning exercises to ensure they were fully prepared to perform for the international stage and demonstrate the spirit of craftsmanship through their pursuit of excellence.

Since its inception in 1950, the WorldSkills Competition held biennially in different host countries or regions and is widely regarded as the "Olympics of Skills". Over the years, the CIC has won a total of ten Medallions for Excellence in the history of the competition. This year's competition brought together around 1,400 young skilled professionals aged 22 or below from 70 countries and regions, providing a platform for the world's best young skilled professionals to showcase their talents, exchange knowledge and compete at the highest level. The 49th WorldSkills Competition will be held in Aichi Prefecture, Japan, in November 2028.



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The CIC achieved a record three Medallions for Excellence this year, marking the CIC's best-ever performance at the WorldSkills Competition. The award-winning competitors were (from left) TSE Yu-lok in Welding, LAW Chak-sum in Painting and Decorating, HUANG To-kong and WAN Tsz-ho in Concrete Construction Work



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Ir Prof. Thomas HO (3rd right), Chairman of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG (2nd right), Executive Director of the CIC, expressed their gratitude to the experts and trainers for their dedicated guidance and support. They encouraged the competitors to uphold the spirit of continuous improvement and excellence, and to inspire and mentor the next generation of competitors to achieve even greater success

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Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (Centre), pictures with the nine Hong Kong competitors and the management teams of the CIC and the Hong Kong Institute of Construction



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The award in the Concrete Construction Work category marks Hong Kong's first-ever achievement in this skill category at the WorldSkills Competition



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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.

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