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CIC Publishes Safety Alert No. 002/18 Safety Precaution for Dengue Fever Infection

Hong Kong · 5 October 2018 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the *Safety Alert No. 002/18 – Safety Precaution for Dengue Fever Infection* (Safety Alert).

Dengue fever infection is mainly transmitted to humans through the bite of infective mosquito. With an aim to prevent dengue fever at construction sites, the Sub-committee on Safety Technical Issues under the Committee on Construction Safety has prepared this Safety Alert to encourage persons who are responsible for construction sites and construction site workers to take the following anti-mosquito measures as recommended, such as:

- **Apply** - Construction workers should **apply DEET-containing insect repellent** on clothes or skin according to label instructions.
- **Appoint** - Persons who are responsible for construction sites should **appoint professional pest control contractors** to carry out mosquito control measures, such as fogging, whenever necessary.
- **Check and remove** - Persons who are responsible for construction sites and construction workers should **tidy up construction sites regularly**, at least once a week. They should **check for any accumulations of stagnant water**, and **remove all stagnant water** and eliminate the sources.
- **Clear up** - The drainage channel should be **clear up frequently to prevent clogging**.

Mr. Collin CHAN, Chairperson of Sub-committee on Safety Technical Issues said, “In relation to dengue fever infection, a record high of local cases has been detected this year. For prevention, we urge all construction practitioners to take the anti-mosquito measures listed on the Safety Alert.

The Safety Alert is available for download on the CIC’s website:
www.cic.hk/eng/main/safety-corner/alerts



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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.

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