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### **Hong Kong Institute of Construction Graduation Ceremony 2018 Welcomes 3,800 new talents to join the construction industry**

**Hong Kong · 16 November 2018** – The Hong Kong Institute of Construction held its Graduation Ceremony today at Construction Industry Council - Zero Carbon Building to congratulate and recognise graduates for their hard work in completing their studies and welcome them to the construction industry. The Ceremony also brings together their families and friends to share the joy.

The Ceremony was officiated by Mr. Michael WONG Wai-lun, Secretary for Development and Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), HKSAR in the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. About 550 people attended the Ceremony today, including graduates and their families, as well as guests from the construction industry.

The Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) was officially established this year and aims to nurture an accomplished construction workforce with sound professional skills, theoretical knowledge, safety awareness, innovative ideas, passion and pride for the construction industry of Hong Kong. HKIC's Diploma in Construction (Painting & Decoration) has been accredited by the HKCAAVQ with Qualification Framework Level 3, enabling students to obtain both specialised training and recognised educational qualification, and thus enhancing their competitiveness in future career. In the coming future, HKIC will uphold the motto of "To dedicate • To excel" and continue to seek validation under the Qualification Framework for other programmes and nurture knowledge-based talents for the industry.

For the academic year 2017 / 2018, a total of about 3,800 trainees completed the training courses provided by the HKIC. Prof. LEE Chack-fan, Chairman of Hong Kong Institute of Construction Management Board encouraged graduates to work conscientiously and persistently as they will definitely get recognition eventually.

In the closing remarks, Ir Allan CHAN Sau-kit, Chairperson of the Construction Industry Training Board of CIC also encouraged the graduates to continue sharpening their skills for further studies and stepping up the career ladder..

At the Ceremony, Graduate Certificates, Certificate of Excellence and various prizes and scholarships contributed by industry stakeholders were presented to the graduates who had excelled in different trades, courses and overall personal development.



Prof. LEE Chack-fan, Chairman of Hong Kong Institute of Construction Management Board delivered Welcome Speech



Mr. Michael WONG Wai-lun, Secretary for Development, HKSAR officiated the morning session of the Ceremony



Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), HKSAR officiated the afternoon session of the Ceremony



Graduates join the construction industry as new force

### **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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

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### **About the Hong Kong Institute of Construction**

To tie in with the changes and progress of the construction industry in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) was established in 2018 and the opening ceremony is held on 3 October 2018. HKIC is an organisation member of the Construction Industry Council and provides a series of construction training courses (including full-time and part-time) to the young people intending to work in the construction industry, people looking for a new job in another industry and experienced construction practitioners, with an intention to nurture “knowledgeable” practitioners.

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