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**Construction Industry Council Surges to Record High of 5,800 Graduates  
Injecting New Energy into the Construction Industry**

**Hong Kong · 17 November 2017** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) reached a new record high of about 5,800 graduates over the past year. The CIC Graduation Ceremony 2017 officiated by Mr. Michael WONG, Secretary for Development and Miss Joey LAM, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) was successfully held today.

With the continuous increase of training capacities and further enhancement of curriculum in recent years, a total of about 5,800 trainees have officially completed the training courses provided by the CIC during the academic year of 2016/17. These graduates are from a wide range of disciplines including Construction Supervisor / Technician Programme, Basic Craft Courses, Full-time Short Courses and various Cooperative Training Schemes.

Addressing at the Ceremony, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC said, "CIC will soon set up the Hong Kong Institute of Construction, with an aim to provide a more systematic and well-coordinated training for the construction industry to adapt to the local education system. The construction industry has made tremendous contributions to the development of Hong Kong. I am pleased to see that our young graduates are dedicated to pursuing their careers in the construction industry, contributing to the sustainable and innovative development of the industry."

In addition, Ir Allan CHAN, Chairperson of the Construction Industry Training Board, encouraged the graduates to continue their studies after joining the construction industry so as to well equip themselves for a professional career development. He also reminded graduates to strictly comply with the site safety and implement safety measures when at work, assuring the safety of themselves and their peers.

At the Ceremony, Graduate Certificates, Best Trainee Awards 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.



Mr. Michael WONG, Secretary for Development, delivering a speech at the CIC Graduation Ceremony 2017



Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC (6<sup>th</sup> left), Ir Allan CHAN, Chairperson of the Construction Industry Training Board (1<sup>st</sup> right) and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> left), shared the joy with the graduates



Graduate representative delivering gratitude remarks

### **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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