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DfMA Alliance Officially Launched
Driving DfMA Adoption and Construction Industrialisation

Hong Kong · 18 March 2019 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today held the DfMA Alliance Launching Ceremony and the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC)'s Technical Conference on Industrialisation. Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, Ir Ringo YU, Chairperson of the Committee on Productivity, together with Mr. Donald CHOI, Chairman of CITAC Board, jointly officiated the launching ceremony and conference, together with around 250 guests including local and overseas DfMA experts, witnessing a significant milestone of establishing the DfMA Alliance.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, opined that the Hong Kong construction industry is facing critical issues, especially in safety and quality aspects. The best resolution is to minimise on-site activities, such as working at height, through industrialisation and DfMA. The CIC is pleased to work closely with the industry to develop a system that is conducive to a safer, more productive and sustainable construction industry with better quality production.

Speaking in the launching ceremony, Ir Ringo YU, Chairperson of the Committee on Productivity (Com-PRO), said that the establishment of the Alliance is one of the key initiatives of Com-PRO with an aim to encourage collaboration among all industry stakeholders along the supply chain to embrace the concept of DfMA – Design for Manufacture and Assembly. To transform Hong Kong's construction sector into technologically advanced and highly productive, and to cope with the future huge construction volume, the DfMA approach could facilitate a wider adoption of prefabrication and modular construction which is the key strategic thrust to raise local construction productivity.

Mr. Donald CHOI, Chairman of CITAC Board, introduced various case studies from the world on the construction industrialisation with some enablers for such industrialisation

process. CITAC strives to explore, identify and showcase the local and overseas innovative construction technologies that are suitable for adoption in Hong Kong with a view to improving industry performance.

During the conference, the DfMA experts from local, Singapore and the United Kingdom also shared their knowledge, experiences and information on adopting DfMA in the construction and industrialisation. They will also share their expertise in the first technical workshop to be held on 19 March 2019 so that the industry partners could gain hands-on knowledge and techniques on offsite construction.

For more information about the DfMA Alliance and CITAC, please visit

http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/dfma_alliance and <http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/innotechcentre>



(From left) Mr. Donald CHOI, Chairman of CITAC Board, Ir Ringo YU, Chairperson of the Committee on Productivity, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC officiate the launching ceremony of DfMA Alliance



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (4th left) and Ir Dr. Richard PANG, Director – Industry Development of the CIC (4th right) take group photo with expert speakers from Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Kingdom after panel discussion

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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