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Secretary for Labour & Welfare Dr. LAW Chi Kwong visits MiC Display Centre

Hong Kong • **15 May 2019** – Dr. LAW Chi-kwong, the Secretary for Labour & Welfare of the HKSAR Government, visited the Construction Industry Council's (CIC) MiC Display Centre today. The visit was led by Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC. Dr. LAW Chi-kwong commended the CIC for promoting innovative technology as well as developing cost-effective yet highly efficient construction methods, and thereby benefiting to the society.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui pointed out that various projects of elderly home and hostel in foreign countries were built by Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), CIC hoped this new method would help solve the local housing problems and social needs. At the same time, the construction industry has currently been facing challenges on site safety, manpower shortage, rising construction costs, etc. Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) adopts the concept of "factory assembly followed by on-site installation". By using MiC, the building is substantially completed off-site and this can reduce the risk of working-at-height, shorten 20-30% of the construction time, enhance quality control and achieve a much better cost effectiveness.

Ir Albert CHENG mentioned that the CIC had been actively encouraging innovation among the industry, including the adoption of the Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) and Building Information Modelling (BIM), with an aim to boost productivity. The Construction Innovation Expo 2019 will also be held by the end of this year, and all of the initiatives are carried out with a view to work for the future development of the construction industry with innovative technologies.

Opened in November 2018, the MiC Display Centre is the first building adopting MiC in Hong Kong, consisting of 10 modular units to showcase six types of show flats, including an exhibition area, a Hotel unit, a Hostel unit, an Elderly Home unit, a 3-bedroom Residential Flat and a 1-bedroom Residential Flat, each show flat is designed according to the actual living environment of Hong Kong. For more information about MiC Display Centre and booking guided tour, please visit <u>http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/mic/</u>





Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, the Chairman of the CIC, introduces the local pilot schemes and foreign projects of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC)





Dr. LAW Chi-kwong, the Secretary for Labour & Welfare and Ms. CHANG King-yiu, the Permanent Secretary for Labour & Welfare (front line) are briefed on the construction process of the display centre





Ir Albert CHENG (right) introduces the elderly home of MiC Display Centre to Dr. LAW (left)





There are various show flats in MiC Display Centre and this is the living room of 1-Bedroom Residential Flat





Group photo of Dr. LAW Chi-kwong, the Secretary for Labour & Welfare (3rd right), Mr. Caspar TSUI, the Under Secretary for Labour & Welfare (1st right), Ms. CHANG King-yiu, Permanent Secretary for Labour & Welfare (3rd left), Mrs. Sylvia LAM, the Director of Architectural Services (1st left), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, the Chairman of the CIC (2nd right), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (2nd left),





MiC Display Centre is located at Construction Industry Council – Zero Carbon Building, Kowloon Bay. Its guided tour is opened for booking.

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 <u>www.cic.hk</u> for further details.

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