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<u>CIC Publishes Guidelines on</u> <u>Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather - Version 3</u>

Hong Kong • 27 December 2019 - The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the *Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather - Version 3* (Guidelines). The Guidelines focus on the promotion of good practice and provision of the guidance to the construction industry on measures that may be taken to protect construction workers working in hot weather.

In recent years, Hong Kong has been getting increasingly hot. The risk of heat stroke to construction workers working outdoors has increased. In view of this, two new measures have been added in the Guidelines to strengthen the prevention of heat stroke of workers. The revised Guidelines have included the following:

- (a) A safety measure that employers should provide the workers with sun protection arm sleeves upon reasonable request from construction workers who need to undertake outdoor work; and
- (b) A safety measure that employers should provide the workers with neck shades for safety helmets upon reasonable request from construction workers who need to undertake outdoor work.

Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of the Committee on Construction Safety of the CIC said, "Strong sunshine is one of the major risk factors of heat stroke. The employers have the responsibilities to protect the safety and health of construction workers who work in hot environment. The new measures on the suitable clothing and personal protective equipment would provide further protection to the workers working in hot weather."

The *Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather - Version 3* can be downloaded from CIC's website: <u>www.cic.hk</u>

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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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