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“Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus”
Distributing 550,000 masks to construction workers

Hong Kong • 24 February 2020 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has been joining hands with the industry to launch the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” (Campaign). To show our care to the frontline workers, the Campaign’s committee members and volunteers will be distributing anti-epidemic products, including masks and hand sanitiser today and tomorrow at Construction Industry Council – Zero Carbon Park.

The Convenor of the Campaign, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, said, “A management committee has been set up by the Campaign which is responsible for fundraising and fund management. We would like to express our sincere thanks to those contractors, associations and industry partners who have donated money and materials and send their volunteers to help workers in such a difficult time. The Campaign cannot be implemented smoothly without their tremendous support.”

The Executive Director of CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, points out, “Since the supply of anti-epidemic is still very tight, we have been proactively calling for donations from the industry and sourcing masks globally. So far we have collected 550,000 masks and 50,000 bottles of hand sanitisers, we will distribute them to frontline workers via different contractors and construction companies so as to combat this epidemic together.”

The quantity of materials distributed to each organisation is based on CIC’s daily attendance records of registered workers in early February 2020. The materials will be delivered to frontline workers through over 300 contractors and construction companies. Moreover, CIC has sent letters and posters to nearly 1000 construction sites to remind workers of precautionary measures against Novel Coronavirus, such as taking temperature when accessing construction sites, washing hands frequently, maintaining good ventilation at workplaces as well as disinfecting touched surfaces.

“Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” aims to



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provide monetary assistance and caring support to registered workers and their immediate families. So far over 800 cases of application and enquiry have been handled. Applications could be submitted to 9764 1945 through WhatsApp or WeChat.

For more details, please visit CIC website: http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/caring_campaign/

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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.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of Construction Industry Council (5th Right) joins the material distribution today and takes picture with Sr Stephen LEE(Middle), CEO of Chun Wo Construction Holdings and Mr. KWOK Wai-chun (4th Right), Co-Managing Director of New World Construction Company Limited who donate masks to industry, as well as other members of “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” Management Committee, including Ir Rocky POON (3rd Left), Mr. CHEUNG Wing-ho (4th Left), Mr. Allan CHAN (5th Left), Mr. WONG Ping (2nd Right) and Mr. CHOW Luen-kiu (1st Right)



Different contractors are sending their representatives to take masks and hand sanitisers at the CIC– Zero Carbon Park. The picture shows that Gammon representatives are taking away the materials.



Construction Industry Caring Team consists of volunteers from different construction companies, governmental works departments and CIC. Volunteers are packing the materials.



Prevention of

Novel Coronavirus and Respiratory Tract Infection

Maintain good personal hygiene

- Take temperature when access to construction sites
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds or perform hand hygiene with 70-80% alcohol-based handrub



Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing



Wear a surgical mask when required to leave home



Avoid unnecessary travel to affected area. All travellers arriving Hong Kong from the Mainland will receive a 14-day mandatory quarantine. If having respiratory symptoms, please seek medical advice promptly

Maintain good workplace hygiene

- Provide liquid soap and disposal paper towels in toilets. Ensure the flushing system of the toilet is in proper function, and keep toilets clean and dry
- Maintain good ventilation at the workplace



Regularly pour water into each drain outlet (U-traps)



Perform daily cleaning and disinfection with 1 in 99 diluted household bleach or 70% alcohol. For frequently touched surfaces, clean and disinfect at least twice daily



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Perform disinfection with 1 in 49 diluted household bleach for highly contaminated places

CHP hotline: 2125 1122

For more information on tackling the disease
www.chp.gov.hk



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