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**“Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus”**  
**Granted Over HK\$1 Million Allowance to**  
**Support Workers Affected by the Epidemic**

**Hong Kong • 6 March 2020** – The 2nd round of anti-epidemic materials distribution was held today under the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” (Campaign) launched by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the industry. Anti-epidemic products including masks and hand sanitisers for frontline workers were distributed to contractors and construction companies at CIC - Zero Carbon Park.

Ir Dr. Hon LO Wai-kwok, Advisor of the Campaign’s Management Committee and the Member of the Legislative Council, said, “The epidemic has caused a huge impact on the construction industry, the interrupted supply chain makes the industry suffer from work suspension and thus affecting the livelihood of the frontline workers. The long-term development of the construction industry requires the support of public works projects. I hope the Legislative Council can approve the funding proposals as soon as possible to ensure the sustainable development of the industry.”

Mr. TSANG Ting-fat, Member of the Campaign’s Management Committee and the Honorary Chairman of Hong Kong Bar-Bending Contractors Association, said, “Since the establishment of the Campaign, the CIC has received over 1,200 enquiries on applications, and the CIC has already approved over HK\$1 million allowance to workers who are being quarantined. Together with the first round of distribution of anti-epidemic products through the Campaign, a total of 550,000 masks and 50,000 bottles of hand sanitisers are distributed to frontline workers via different contractors and construction companies so as to show our care and combat this epidemic together”

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus in the Mainland China and Hong Kong severely affects people’s health and causes considerable social damage. The HKSAR Government has implemented drastic prevention and control measures to reduce the spread of the Novel Coronavirus. Frontline construction workers, usually daily-paid, are the worst affected. They may face serious financial burden and family pressure if they could not



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attend to work due to the need to comply with quarantine orders or unfortunately contracted the Novel Coronavirus. The CIC, in collaboration with industry stakeholders, launched the Campaign to provide instant relief to registered construction workers affected by the Novel Coronavirus.

For more details, please visit CIC website: [http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/caring\\_campaign/](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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.



Mr. KO Lai-hung, Chairman and CEO of Chit Tat Electrical Engineering Ltd. (1<sup>st</sup> left), Mr. TSANG Ting-fat, Member of the Campaign's Management Committee and the Honorary Chairman of Hong Kong Bar-Bending Contractors Association (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Ir Dr. Hon LO Wai-kwok, Advisor of the Campaign's Management Committee and the Member of the Legislative Council (2<sup>nd</sup> right), and Mr. Simon CHEUNG, Executive Director of Paul Y. Engineering Group Limited (1<sup>st</sup> right) distributed the anti-epidemic products to the representatives of China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited



Contractors and construction companies are sending their representatives to take masks and hand sanitisers at the CIC – Zero Carbon Park.