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**Construction Industry Council Publishes the
Review Report on Quality Site Supervision Practices
of the Hong Kong Construction Industry**

Hong Kong • 2 September 2020 - The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today publishes the *Review Report on Quality Site Supervision Practices of the Hong Kong Construction Industry* (Review Report). The Task Force on Construction Industry Site Supervision Practice (Task Force) reviewed the existing site supervision practices for construction of major structural elements. Recommendations were made with a view to addressing the challenges faced by industry stakeholders and to improving the current supervision standards.

Three aspects of supervision practices were specifically examined: division of responsibilities, documentation and application of innovation and technology. The study looked at various systems and control regimes, both statutory and contractually, in Government and private sector projects. The findings and recommendations were the result of extensive engagement with industry practitioners and professionals and offered a common view on quality site supervision.

Recommendations in the Review Report include:

- Advance subcontractor professionalism through registration on CIC's Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) to elevate the quality supervision performance of subcontractors;
- Introduce incentives for main contractors, with leading key performance indicators, to encourage diligent quality management and self-supervision;
- Rationalise the duties of professional site supervision team to allow supervision duties to be discharged properly;
- E-reporting for Technically Competent Person (TCP) records and electronic submission for reports and other relevant documents to streamline associated administrative duties;



- Accelerate the use of digital technologies with the ultimate goal of creating a streamlined supervision management and recording platform for the entire construction supply chain;
- Attract and retain talents for quality supervision via an industry certification system for non-professionally registered staff;
- Drive collaborative culture from top-down and expand the use of New Engineering Contract and other contractual partnering methods; and
- Adopt off-site construction such as Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) and Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) techniques.

Ir Alex KWAN, Chairperson of the Task Force said, “This study was an opportunity for our industry to take stock of some fundamental issues that had been affecting our construction quality performance. I believe the recommendations drawn up in the Review Report will be the spur to kick-start a step change required to bring our industry towards the vision of Construction 2.0¹.”

“Some of the recommendations would require further deliberation among industry stakeholders on their implementation, still I am pleased to see that a number of initiatives are already gathering pace, such as off-site construction, Digital Works Supervision System in Government projects, the RSTCS managed by the CIC, as well as CIC’s collaboration with the Buildings Department on the administrative registration scheme for TCP. Professionalism in all levels is the key towards driving excellence of the construction industry.”

The ***Review Report on Quality Site Supervision Practices of the Hong Kong Construction Industry*** can be downloaded under “Report” in the “Publication” section on the CIC’s website: www.cic.hk

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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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