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**Construction Industry Council Assists Government to Distribute
Six Million Masks to Construction Workers to Show Support and Care**

Hong Kong • 25 August 2020 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has been supporting and encouraging industry practitioners to adopt effective prevention measures against COVID-19. Having regard to the needs of changing masks frequently of construction workers working under hot weather, the Government joins hands with the CIC to distribute around six million masks to frontline construction workers with the aim of providing better protection. The distribution is implemented in two phases in August and early September this year.

The CIC has launched the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” (Campaign) at the beginning of this year, providing monetary assistance and caring support for the registered construction workers who are affected by COVID-19 and their families. The Campaign has benefited over 1,300 workers and granted more than HK\$ 5.9 million allowance. In addition, the CIC also distributed over 1.8 million masks, 210,000 bottles of hand sanitiser and other anti-epidemic materials to the construction industry.

The Executive Director of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, points out that, “The continued spread of COVID-19 has caused widespread impact on the industry, we fully support the industry to fight against the virus through different platforms and initiatives, including the launch of the Campaign, providing support for the Government to disburse Construction Industry Anti-epidemic Fund as well as the mask distribution. We shall combat the epidemic and overcome the challenges and go through tough times together”

Again, the CIC appeals to the industry practitioners to adopt precautionary measures and maintain good personal and workplace hygiene, such as taking body temperature when accessing construction sites, keeping hands clean, changing masks timely, keeping social distancing, providing a suitable lunch area, maintaining good ventilation at workplaces as well as using diluted bleach for disinfection etc.



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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.



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The instructors of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (dressed in orange) help distribute masks as volunteers



Several contractors utilising lorries, such is the scale of their mask allocation

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Mask distribution is split across two phases at CIC-Zero Carbon Park, distributing 6 million masks to frontline construction workers through their contractors

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