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“Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme”

Hong Kong • 18 December 2020 – The raging COVID-19 epidemic worsens. To further strengthen the prevention of virus at construction sites, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) with the support from the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government, will jointly launch “Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme” (the Scheme) on 22 December 2020 (next Tuesday). The CIC and the HKCA will share part of the service expenditures, whereas developers / main contractors will only need to pay a partial testing fee, so as to provide the nucleic acid COVID-19 testing services to construction workers and site staff who voluntarily join the Scheme, with a view to saving time and resources to collect and return the specimen, facilitating frontline workers to get tested, ensuring their safety and health, as well as protecting their families.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, said, “Construction workers are the most valuable asset of the construction industry. The Scheme can help stop the transmission and protect workers as well as their families. We hope everyone will proactively participate.”

Ir Allan CHAN, President of the HKCA, said, “We hope all main contractors will join the Scheme and encourage their construction workers and site staff to get tested in the hope that everyone feel safe when working.”

Strictly complying the instructions on COVID-19 specimen collection according to the Centre of Health Protection, the Scheme will arrange a professional testing institution (the institution) to set up mobile specimen collection stations at construction sites, conduct specimen collection services by combined nasal and throat swabs for construction workers and site staff who voluntarily join the Scheme, and send specimens to laboratories for testing. If any specimen tested shows a positive COVID-19 result, it will be referred to the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for further handling. The institution will contact main contractors / responsible persons of construction sites one week prior to the scheduled testing date to confirm the number of participants and other arrangements.

The CIC has also joined hands with the industry to launch the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” at the beginning of this year, providing monetary assistance and caring support for the registered construction workers



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who are affected by COVID-19 and their families. Anti-epidemic materials were also distributed to the construction industry through different means to support them to fight the virus.

For the arrangement of the relevant services, the main contractors must complete and submit the application form for sites which are interested in participating in the Scheme. For terms and conditions of the Scheme, please visit the CIC website (www.cic.hk/CITS).

(Please refer to the poster of
“Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme” on page 3)

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Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme



建造業議會聯同香港建造商會推出「建造業關愛工地防疫檢測服務計劃」，為參與此計劃的發展商及總承建商，提供2019冠狀病毒病核酸檢測服務，以便利前線工地人員在工地接受檢測，保障其安全及健康。

The Construction Industry Council and the Hong Kong Construction Association have jointly launched the Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme (CITS) to provide COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services to participated developers and main contractors, facilitating frontline workers and site staff to get tested at construction sites and protecting their safety and health.



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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.