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The Construction Industry Council Welcomes *The 2021-22 Budget*

Hong Kong · 24 February 2021 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) welcomes the latest Budget issued by the Financial Secretary, mentioning that the annual total construction output will increase to around HK\$300 billion in the coming years. It is expected that over 300,000 employment opportunities will be created which help boost economic recovery and improve the employment situation. Acting in concert with the total construction output announced, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) of the CIC will provide appropriate training to nurture talents and meet the needs of the industry.

The Financial Secretary encourages the use of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), and he points out that up to now, the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) administered by the CIC, has granted over HK\$75 million to the industry for supporting their adoption of MiC. In addition, the Buildings Department has approved 31 pre-accepted MiC systems to facilitate their adoption by the private building developers.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC said, “MiC not only improves site safety and construction quality, but also shortens construction period as well as enhances productivity. MiC is of particular importance in speeding up the process for housing construction. Hong Kong will enter the peak period of public housing supply in the coming 10 years, and it is expected that MiC will be an effective construction technology to cope with this increasing need. We hope the industry could grasp this opportunity and work together to tackle the shortage of housing supply in Hong Kong”. As always, the CIC will endeavour to promote MiC and tie in with the Government’s strategy to promote construction digitalisation and innovation technology.

There are quite a number of successful cases in Hong Kong, including the InnoCell of the Hong Kong Science Park and the Disciplined Services Quarters for the Fire Services Department at Pak Shing Kok, is expected to commence early this year. The Quarantine Camp in Penny’s Bay has already been in service for several months, and many families are now living in Nam Cheong 220 of the Hong Kong Council Social Service.



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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.

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