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# "Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme 3.0" Application Opens until 6 June 2021

HONG KONG • 15 May 2021 - To provide assistance to the industry, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), supported by the Development Bureau, offers an one-off free COVID-19 deep throat saliva specimen testing service to 1,350 construction sites. The one-off distribution and collection service for deep throat saliva specimen collection packs will be arranged for workers and other resident site personnel at participating construction sites. Application deadline is 6 June 2021 and the last specimen collection date is 15 June 2021. We invite all construction sites requiring COVID-19 testing service to submit their application now. For details, please visit CIC website (<a href="https://www.cic.hk/CITS">www.cic.hk/CITS</a>).

The CIC and HKCA appeal again to developers, main contractors and subcontractors to encourage construction workers and other resident site personnel to get vaccinated. Vaccination will help protect practitioners while saving time and resources needed for regular testing. Workers who have administered their final COVID-19 vaccine for 14 days or more will not be required to undertake regular COVID-19 testing.

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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.