

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Completion of Development Project of Campuses of Hong Kong Institute of Construction Opens a New Chapter in Construction Training**

**Hong Kong • 31 May 2021** — Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) celebrated the completion of development project of its Kowloon Bay, Kwai Chung and Sheung Shui Campuses. Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), was invited as the Guest-of-honour to officiate the ceremony at HKIC – Sheung Shui Campus today.

Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary, together with Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, unveiled a commemorative plaque during the ceremony to represent the opening of a new chapter of construction training with the completion of the development project of HKIC campuses. Other officiating guests included Mr. LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development of the Government of the HKSAR, Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. YE Shuiqiu, Deputy Director-General, Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Prof. LEE Chack-fan, Chairperson of HKIC Management Board, Ir YU Sai-yen, Chairperson of Construction Industry Training Board of the CIC, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC and Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of HKIC. Construction practitioners attended the ceremony to witness the significant milestone in the development of construction training in Hong Kong with HKIC instructors and students.

Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary, said, “The Hong Kong Institute of Construction has been very supportive to the government’s policy since its establishment in 2018 to promote innovative technology in its training and bring about revolutionary change to the construction industry. The first Safety Experience Training Centre in HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus incorporates virtual reality (VR) and other sensory experience into its safety

training courses to raise awareness in construction site safety with the aim to minimise accidents in the long run. The completion of campus development project will provide a better and comprehensive learning environment with better hardware for students.”

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, said, “In line with the education system in Hong Kong, HKIC is committed to optimising its full-time courses despite the arduous process. At present, a total of 16 qualifications are recognised under the Qualification Framework, including six individual disciplines of Full-time Diploma in Construction and two part-time courses for construction safety supervisors accredited at QF Level 3, and eight individual disciplines of Full-time Certificate in Construction accredited at QF Level 2. To cope with future development of the construction industry and to embrace modern teaching model, the CIC invested HK\$450 million in enhancing facilities in HKIC’s three campuses in order to provide a better environment for construction training.” He shared that HKIC strives to provide opportunities for young people to receive professional training and gradually promote to higher level management. Young students with Secondary 3 academic attainment can acquire professional skills in HKIC and enter the construction industry after becoming semi-skilled workers. Graduates can start their career with systematic apprenticeship training and then articulate to university degree programme.

The establishment of HKIC aims to nurture an accomplished construction workforce with sound professional skills, theoretical knowledge, safety awareness, innovative ideas, passion and pride for the construction industry of Hong Kong. In addition to the 16 qualifications, evaluation for HKIC’s Diplomas in Construction for Plant Maintenance & Repairs, Plumbing, Electrical Installation and Formwork have also finished and we are awaiting accreditation result announced by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications. The HKIC will remain committed to the “Construction Pathway Project” by providing graduates with a comprehensive articulation pathway and progressive development in the vocational and professional career.



Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the Government of the HKSAR, officiating the the ceremony at HKIC – Sheung Shui Campus today



Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC states that the CIC invested HK\$450 million in enhancing the facilities of the three HKIC campuses, including Sheung Shui, Kwai Chung and Kowloon Bay to provide a better environment for construction training



Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of the Government of the HKSAR (5<sup>th</sup> right), and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (4<sup>th</sup> left) unveil the plaque, accompanied by Mr. LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development of the Government of the HKSAR (4<sup>th</sup> right), Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of the Government of the HKSAR (3<sup>rd</sup> left), Mr. YE Shui Qiu, Deputy Director-General, Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (3<sup>rd</sup> right), Ir YU Sai-yen, Chairperson of Construction Industry Training Board (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Prof. LEE Chack-fan, Chairperson of Hong Kong Institute of Construction Management Board (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> left) and Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of HKIC (1<sup>st</sup> right) to signify a new chapter of construction training during the Ceremony



The students and graduates share their study and working experience to provide the public with deeper understanding of the industry prospect



The HKIC specially arranges guided tours for guests to understand the enhanced facilities in the campus

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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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

#### **About the Hong Kong Institute of Construction**

To tie in with the changes and progress of the construction industry in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) was established in 2018. HKIC is an organisation member of the Construction Industry Council and provides a wide range of construction trainings (including full-time and part-time courses) for the young people and working adults who intend to develop their career in the construction industry, and the experienced construction practitioners, who pursue to enhance their skills and knowledge.

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