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## **Construction Industry Council Welcomes the New Employment Support Scheme**

**Hong Kong • 8 April 2022** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) communicates with the Government constantly on various industry development issues and needs. We appreciate the Chief Executive’s understanding of our difficulties during the fifth wave of pandemic and enhanced the new Employment Support Scheme to cover the construction industry. Main contractors, sub-contractors and construction companies in the Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition area will benefit from the new round of Employment Support Scheme.

Ir Thomas HO On-Sing, Chairman of the CIC said, “Many workers underwent quarantine due to infection or infection of family members during the fifth wave of the pandemic. There was a time when only 60,000 workers could work at sites across Hong Kong and many found it difficult to make ends meet. The Government understands the challenges workers are facing and enhanced the support scheme to help workers in their hour of need.”

To support construction workers, CIC has recently allocated HK\$123million to launch the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign 2.0” with the support of the Development Bureau to aid construction workers who were infected with COVID-19 or requested to undergo quarantine. CIC and the industry have also launched several Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Days as well as implemented the “Vaccine Pass” arrangement on construction sites with the support of the Development Bureau, aiming to achieve the goal of “early identification, early isolation and early treatment of the infected” and encourage more construction practitioners to get vaccinated.



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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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