The Construction Industry Council Officially Launches the Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award and Renews MOUs with Higher Education Institutions

Hong Kong • 7 July 2022 – The first Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award (the Award), co-organised by the Development Bureau and the Construction Industry Council (CIC), is officially launched today. At the Ceremony, the CIC also signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Renewals with higher education institutions aiming to introduce construction digitalisation content to their curriculums and equip students with the necessary knowledge of BIM and construction digitalisation before joining the construction industry.

Ir HO On-sing, Thomas, Chairman of the CIC said at the Ceremony, 'Behind all the facades and concrete, data laid the foundation of construction. An integrated Common Data Environment, is desperately needed throughout the whole life-cycle of a built asset, starting from the conceptual stage, to design, construction, maintenance and FM. The keys to success are 'integrated' and 'single source of truth', let's look beyond Design and Construction and focus on the future, while I am talking about 50 years or more of the asset life-cycle. We shall recognise the long term benefits."

During the ceremony, industry pioneers shared their invaluable experience in Common Data Environment (CDE), construction digitalisation expert Mr. Mark ENZER showed audience the benefits of construction digitalisation and CDE as well as strategies for transformation; data insights expert Mr. James BURT explored how to unlock value from Common Data Environment while information management specialist Mr. Malcolm TAYLOR shared his vast experience in construction digitalisation of transportation infrastructure.

Along the years, the CIC has invested a lot of resources in promoting digitalisation, not only targeting industry practitioners but also on nurturing students, youngsters via different means. At the Ceremony, the CIC signs the MOU Renewals with Chu Hai College of Higher Education, City University of Hong Kong (CityU), Hong Kong University of

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Science and Technology (HKUST), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), The University of Hong Kong (HKU), and Vocational Training Council (VTC) to continue the efforts for providing the new generation to obtain the latest technologies and first-hand information on BIM.

The Award is now open for application until 30 September 2022. If you or your organization(s) have been working on inspiring projects that utilise Common Data Environment (CDE) to improve project management, collaboration, and productivities, apply now and share your valuable experiences with the industry.
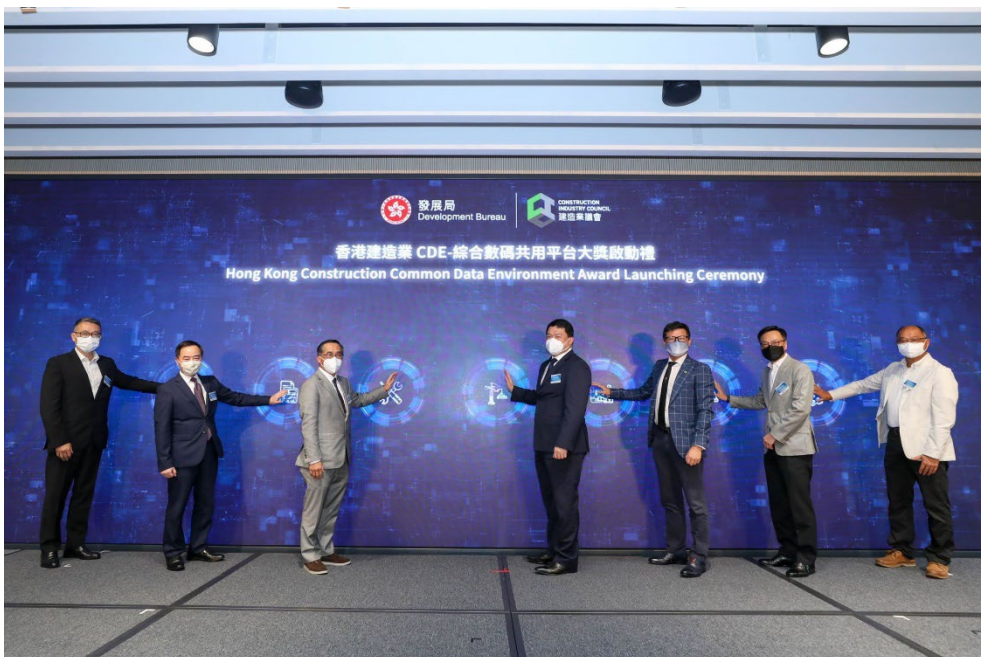
For eligibility, submission requirement, judging criteria and related information, please visit: www.bim.cic.hk/en/events/page/HKCCDEA

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC delivers welcome remarks at the ceremony

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Ir John KWONG, Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office of Development Bureau shares his insights on CDE

(From left) Ir Rocky POON, President of The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited, Mr. Tony WONG, Deputy Government Chief Information Officer, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of CIC, Ir John KWONG, Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office of Development Bureau, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of CIC, Sr Eddie LAM, President of the Hong Kong Construction Association, and Ir Edwin CHUNG, President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers jointly officiate the Launching Ceremony of Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award

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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman (back row 4th left) and Ir. Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (front row 5th left), signs the MOU Renewals with representatives from City University of Hong Kong (CityU) (front row 1st left), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) (front row 2nd left and back row 1st left), Vocational Training Council (VTC) (front row 3rd left and back row 2nd left), Chu Hai College of Higher Education (front row 4th left and back row 3rd left), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) (front row 1st right and back row 1st right), Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) (front row 2nd right, back row 2nd and 3rd right), and Faculty of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) (front row 3rd right and back row 4th right) to foster the higher education institutions to incorporate knowledge of digitalization content into the Foundation Programme Curriculum

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Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, encourages the use of CDE within the industry

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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.

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