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A Neat and Tidy Way Keeps the Fire Away

Hong Kong • 3 March 2023 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is aware of the fire incident that happened yesterday in a construction site in Tsim Sha Tsui and has issued a letter to the construction industry to remind practitioners of the importance of daily maintenance of fire prevention measures. We hope our industry practitioners can take warning from the incident, pay more attention to the fire prevention measures and maintain good housekeeping in the future.

The fire incident serves as an awakening reminder that fire will not only take away all the hard work done by the project team, but also expose our frontline workers and the public to risk. The CIC urges members of the construction industry to prioritise safety, maintain good housekeeping practices, and ensure that every worker is trained to keep the worksite safe and clean.

The CIC encourages the industry to make use of the recently issued "Reference Materials on Construction Site Facilities for Workers" in providing workplace facilities for workers, as the material provides practical guidance on how to implement workplace facilities, such as a proper briefing or training location, personal belonging storage, rest areas and sanitary facilities in basic standards.

The CIC hopes that the industry can work together in saying no to danger, and to create a safer and healthier construction industry for everyone involved.

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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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