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**The CIC Signed Memorandum of Understandings with
Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong,
MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node and Sensetime Group Limited to
Drive Digital Transformation for Industry**

Hong Kong - 25 April 2023 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) hosted the Construction Digitalisation (CD) Charter Pledges Sharing yesterday to advocate its vision "Smart Construction Empowered by Digitalisation" to the industry. At the Sharing, the CIC signed the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node and Sensetime Group Limited to jointly promote the adoption of innovative construction technologies and drive digital transformation for the Hong Kong construction industry.

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, stated that, "The integration of digitalisation technologies is crucial for the advancement of the construction industry. We should optimise the use of digital technologies and adopt more onto our construction life cycle to bring maximum benefits to the industry. The utilisation of Smart Site Safety System (SSSS) has become a trend in the industry as digital technologies can identify potential risks and prevent accidents. This is of utmost importance in facilitating the objective of achieving zero accident."

Speaking in the sharing event, the Honourable Duncan CHIU, Legislative Council Member representing the Technology and Innovation Functional Constituency, mentioned, "The construction industry has been grappling with several challenges, including industrial accidents, ageing workforce, labour shortage, and ineffective management and communication. With a significant number of construction projects planned over the next ten years, the industry is further exacerbating these challenges. The construction industry has been one of the least digitalised sectors. I believed digitalisation has become a necessity for the industry to enhance efficiency, safety, and productivity in the workplace. The integration of technology can help improve the current situation of construction industry. Therefore, it is imperative that the construction industry embraces technological innovations to overcome the challenges that it faces."



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Joining hands with the CIC, the CD Charter pledgees are committed to achieving this vision by setting targets for 2026 with full adoption of digitalisation, including to apply Building Information Modelling (BIM), Common Data Environment (CDE) and digital tools in site supervision and monitoring for all active projects over HK\$300 million, and to train sufficient practitioners with various levels of BIM competencies. Ar. Donald CHOI, Chairperson of Task Force on Construction Digitalisation, was also invited to be the moderator at the discussion forum and led us to discuss the experience in developing the Organisational Digitalisation Roadmap with some of the CD Charter pledgees.

In the closing remarks, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, addressed, “Digitalisation has become an essential instrument in the contemporary world, and the construction industry is no exception. The benefits of digitalisation are numerous, ranging from improved productivity and efficiency to enhanced safety and quality control. We are supporting and encouraging wider adoption of innovative solutions and new technologies in the construction industry to enhance construction project delivery, especially the young talent. Adopting digital technology is the only way out for the industry.”



Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, delivers welcome address to the participants



Hon Duncan CHIU, Legislative Council Member representing the Technology and Innovation Functional Constituency, wishes to see more joint efforts between the technology and construction sectors



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council (left), and Dr. Charleston SIN, Executive Director of MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node (right), signed the Memorandum of Understanding



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council (2nd left), and Prof. Wilson LU, Associate Dean of Research of Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, (3rd right), signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (1st left), Prof. Anthony YEH, Chair Professor of Urban Planning and Geographic Information Systems (2nd right) and Prof. Kelvin WONG, Head of Department of Real Estate and Construction of Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, (1st right) witnessed this signing ceremony



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council (2nd left), and Mr. Lewis FUNG, Consulting Director of Sensetime Group Limited (2nd right) signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (1st left) and Mr. Nixon CHAU, Managing Director & General Manager of Sensetime Group Limited (1st right) witnessed this signing ceremony



Ar. Donald CHOI, Chairperson of Task Force on Construction Digitalisation (1st left), leads the discussion forum with CD Charter pledges



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Mr Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council, hopes industry practitioners can leverage the digital technology

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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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