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## **CIC Digital Twin Hub Officially Opens**

**Hong Kong • 26 July 2023** – To further accelerate construction digitalisation and popularise the use of digital twin in the industry, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) established the "CIC Digital Twin Hub" with an opening ceremony held today.

In his welcome speech, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC mentioned the growth potential of Hong Kong's construction industry in the next decade and emphasised the importance of adopting new technologies and prioritising safety in the industry. Ir HO said, "No matter the public and private sectors, they have started to adopt Digital Twin. My humble prediction is in the next 12 months, this platform-type digitalisation will explode in Hong Kong. Now, the competitive edge of companies depends on how many BIM personnel they have. As sites are moving smarter and more digital, Digital Twin applications and capabilities will be the next weapon, and the CIC Digital Twin Hub serves to nurture future digital engineers and coordinators."

During the ceremony, Mr. Peter YAN, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, Mr. CHEN Hang, Deputy General Manager and Chief Engineer of Guangzhou Institute of Building Science Group Co., Ltd., and Mr. JI Yatu, Vice President of Strategy and Investment, Glodon Company Limited, also shared their invaluable experiences with digital twin technology.

Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, said in his closing remarks, "By using digital twin technology, we can create a virtual replica of a physical asset, simulate and test various scenarios in a safe and controlled environment. This enables us to identify potential issues and make informed decisions before site work begins, reducing the risk of costly mistakes and delays."

The "CIC Digital Twin Hub", formerly known as the "CIC BIM Space", provides a collaborative platform and an array of technological showcases to facilitate knowledge exchange, nurture talent and inspire innovation in the field of digital twin and construction

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technology. The newly established CIC Digital Twin Hub consists of four key areas, including Showcase Area, Smart Site Construction Management Corner, Multi-purpose Area and Digital Twin Lab. It will provide a variety of functions, such as digital twin experience sharing sessions, group guided tours and advisory workshops in the future.

For related information and enquiry:

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



Ir Joseph LO, Acting Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office of the Development Bureau shares his insights on digital twin technology





Mr. Victor TAI, Under Secretary for Housing (3<sup>rd</sup> left), Ir Joseph LO, Acting Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office of the Development Bureau (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> right), and Prof. Jack CHENG, Chairman of Committee on BIM and Construction Digitalisation of the CIC (1<sup>st</sup> left) jointly officiate the Opening Ceremony of the CIC Digital Twin Hub



(From left) Mr. Rex WONG, CIC Council Member, Ir Ricky LEUNG, CIC Council Member, Prof. Jack CHENG, Chairman of Committee on BIM and Construction Digitalisation of the CIC, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Mr. Victor TAI, Under Secretary for Housing, Ir Joseph LO, Acting Head of Project Strategy and

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Governance Office of the Development Bureau, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, Ir KAN Jun, CIC Council Member, Ir Barry SUM, CIC Council Member, and Mr. Alex HO, Director – Industry Development (Designate) of the CIC, took a group photo together



Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, looks forward to the CIC Digital Twin Hub to enhance the industry's grasp of the latest technology



Guests at the guided tour of the CIC Digital Twin Hub



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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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