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**2023 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award
Presentation Ceremony and Hong Kong Young Construction Forum
Bears Testimony to the Success of Young Industry Talents
Leading the Way to a Golden Era**

Hong Kong • 16 December 2023 – The 2023 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award (CIOYPA) Presentation Ceremony and Hong Kong Young Construction Forum (Forum) concluded on a high note today. Organised by the Construction Industry Council (CIC), Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, together with Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, officiated the event.

Inaugurated in 2019, the CIOYPA is a biennial award which recognises young construction practitioners with remarkable achievements in their careers and outstanding contributions to the construction industry and society at large. This year, in its third edition, six young professionals in the industry were awarded (See Appendix) and engaged in an experience sharing session with Cr Michael WONG, the Awardee of the first CIOYPA. In addition, the biennial Hong Kong Young Construction Forum with the theme of “Youth Leads the Way: Igniting the Construction Golden Era” served as an exceptional platform for young industry professionals to share their vision for the future.

Speaking at the event, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, said that the construction industry has developed into an inter-disciplinary and cross-sector profession, integrating the three key elements of innovation, project governance and management, and manpower development. Young people are an important manpower source for the construction industry. To lead the industry’s development in the 21st century, they need to possess skills in the aforementioned areas.

She added that Hong Kong has always been the talent hub for the construction industry in the region, attracting different professionals for exchange and taking Hong Kong to a higher level in technology and project management. Leveraging the advantages of enjoying strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world, Hong Kong will collaborate with the other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) to develop GBA standards, and serve as a platform promoting the alignment of those standards with international standards. Hong Kong will also promote young professional exchange, with a view to developing Hong Kong into an international platform for training construction professionals.

Mr Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, said, "Under the event theme of this year, 'Youth Leads the Way: Igniting the Construction Golden Era', it signifies that the outstanding young persons in the construction industry, as well as all the young people at today's event, will be the driving force that leads our industry forward. In the next decade, the young generation can seize this golden opportunity, develop their careers in the construction industry, and contribute to the development of Hong Kong. I believe today's forum and the sharing of award-winning young talents can provide inspiration for everyone."

In the Forum, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development also took part in the discussion with various parties, including scholars, young practitioners, craftsmen, students, and parents on career prospects, industry diversification and attractiveness, work-life balance and industry atmosphere.



Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development (8th right), poses for a photo with the Awardees, Proposers and Judging Panel Members of the "2023 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award" (CIOYPA), and CIC Members



Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, delivers opening remarks and congratulates the awardees



In his closing remarks, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, encourages the industry to continue with the effort in attracting and nurturing talents



Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development (4th right) and participants of the Hong Kong young Construction Forum discuss ways to attract young talents to 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.



Appendix

Awardees of 2023 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award

Category	Name
Technology Transformation, Design, Academic and Others	Mr. Arthur LAM
Technology Transformation, Design, Academic and Others	Ir LUI Lok-lun, Terence
Business and Management	Ms. LUI Wing-chi, Michele
Business and Management	Mr. YUM Ka-wing, Kelvin
Frontline Construction Personnel	Mr. WONG Ho-fai
Frontline Construction Personnel	Mr. YIP Cheuk-shing