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<u>"Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme"</u> to Upgrade "Painting", "Metal Work", "Structural Steelwork", "Horticultural Works", "Arboricultural Works" and "Skyrise Greenery Works" as Designated Trades from May 2024

Hong Kong • 29 April 2024 – Starting from 1 May 2024, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) will upgrade "Painting", "Metal Work", "Structural Steelwork", "Horticultural Works", "Arboricultural Works" and "Skyrise Greenery Works" as the 15th to 20th designated trades under the "Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme" (the Scheme) to promote the professional development of the industry.

As one of the crucial supporting measures for "Construction 2.0" initiative promoting professionalism of subcontractors, the Scheme has gained widespread recognition within the construction industry. The Scheme is now mandatory for all public works projects and construction projects under various public organisations. The Scheme has also received support from developers and main contractors of private projects. Since its launch in 2019, the Scheme has expanded from the initial seven to now twenty designated trades. Through the comprehensive registration requirements on six core elements: safety, management, job experience, execution, finance and integrity management, the Scheme aims to unite and showcase a professional, capable, and responsible frontline team. Simultaneously, the regulatory regime of the Scheme continuously monitors and takes regulatory actions against registered companies involved in incidents such as construction safety. The dual approach enhances the professional standards, construction quality, and safety of the registered companies.

The CIC organises online induction workshops regularly to help stakeholders understand registration requirements and transition arrangements. For enrolment and details, please visit the Scheme's website (<u>www.rstc.cic.hk</u>) or scan the below QR code.





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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.