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**HKIC Launches the Certificate of Safe Operation of
Mobile Elevating Work Platform Courses
Training Over Ten Thousand Workers to Enhance Safety Standards**

Hong Kong • 12 June 2025 - In light of the evolving development of the construction industry, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) proactively responds to industry needs by launching new “Certificate of Safe Operation of Mobile Elevating Work Platform” Courses (Certificate Courses), and its Launching Ceremony was held at the HKIC-Kowloon Bay Campus today. Through intensive training, these Certificate Courses aim at enhancing professional standards, fostering a safer and more efficient construction environment, and thus to reduce the risk of accidents.

Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) are commonly used in construction sites to assist workers in performing work-at-height tasks. With an increase in MEWP usage, safety awareness among practitioners have to continually be enhanced and strengthened to avoid potential incidents. In view of this, the HKIC has designed a series of comprehensive training courses, which are the first in Hong Kong to integrate theoretical knowledge and practical training, enhancing safety standards and operational efficiency of MEWPs. These courses cover standard operating procedures, key hazard identification, and risk management techniques, ensuring participants be able to develop proficiency in equipment operation and conduct thorough risk assessments and preventive measures to avoid hazards.

The Launching Ceremony saw a number of industry leaders joining, Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC mentioned in his remarks, “At least 25,000 MEWP units are currently in operation, with around 50,000 construction workers using this machinery. HKIC’s standardised MEWP Courses not only teach proper operations but also reinforce safety awareness and fostering a safety-first culture in construction sites.”

Mr. Wan Chi-ping, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Labour (Occupational Safety and Health) remarked, “Construction industry is one of the main pillars of Hong Kong’s economic development, it is everyone’s responsibility in the industry to ensure

construction site safety. The systematic courses provided by the CIC can strengthen the training for MEWP's operators, raise their safety awareness and skills, as well as equipping them with the practical skills to conduct dynamic risk assessment."

These eight-hour Certificate Courses combine both theoretical and practical learning. Course content includes proper equipment operation, relevant legal regulations, dynamic risk assessment procedures, personal protective equipment usage, and applications of the Smart Safety Site System (4S) in construction sites. Through professional training, participants will enhance their ability to identify potential risks and contribute to a safer work environment.

The first training intake is open for application now, with courses commencing at the HKIC-Tai Po Training Ground in the end of June. Starting from July 2025, English courses would be provided, to cater the need of ethnic minorities. These courses cover a wide range of MEWPs, including scissor type and vertical mast type, articulating boom type, telescopic boom and self-propelled type, aiming to train over 18,000 professionals annually to improve safety and competency of the operation of these platforms.

For details on the "Certificate of Safe Operation of MEWP" Courses, please visit:
www.hkic.edu.hk/en/programmes/safety-training?active_cat_tab=safety-training

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A group photo of the officiating guests of the Certificate of Safe Operation of Mobile Elevating Work Platform Courses Launching Ceremony, with (from left) Dr. Morgan YANG, Director of the HKIC, Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Mr. WAN Chi-ping, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Labour (Occupational Safety and Health), and Mrs. LO LEE Oi-lin, Chairperson of the HKIC Management Board



Training instructor demonstrates on-site during the Launching Ceremony on how to properly and safely operate the mobile elevating work platforms



The construction industry strongly supports the Certificate Courses launched by the Hong Kong Institute of Construction

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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.

About the Hong Kong Institute of Construction

To tie in with the changes and progress of the construction industry in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) was established in 2018. HKIC is an organisation member of the Construction Industry Council and provides a wide range of construction trainings (including full-time and part-time courses) for the young people and working adults who intend to develop their career in the construction industry, and the experienced construction practitioners, who pursue to enhance their skills and knowledge.

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