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<u>The Eighth Construction Industry Volunteer Award</u> <u>Presentation Ceremony Successfully Held</u> <u>Over 230,000 Volunteering Service Hours Recorded throughout the Year</u>

Hong Kong • 13 July 2025 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today held the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2025 (Ceremony) at CIC-Zero Carbon Park. To mark this special occasion, Mr. Robin LEE, Deputy Director of Drainage Services, was invited as the Guest of Honour, together with Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC to officiate the Ceremony to recognise the contribution of the construction industry practitioners in serving the society.

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) has launched the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme (CIVAS) in 2017 with an aim to recognise contributions from construction practitioners to the community, and to instil a caring culture amongst them. In this year's CIVAS, 61 construction-related organisations, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, as well as 18 NGOs have participated in. A total of 28,000 volunteers person-time participation has contributed to over 230,000 service hours this year, marking a 6,000-hour increment as compared to 2024.

Mr. Robin LEE, Deputy Director of Drainage Services, said that "I would like to pay my tribute to all the volunteers, for your active engagements in serving the community in the spare time. By sharing your professional knowledge of the construction industry with passion and expertise, your efforts have helped to transform the public's stereotypical view of the sector, that the industry is not only known for building skyscrapers and bridges but an important force in fostering social development."

Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC added, "The CISVP hosts a diverse range of sports and volunteer activities every year, which brings the industry together and serves to enhance the overall well-being of the practitioners. As the saying goes, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' I am delighted to see more and more industry organisations echoed our call to encourage their colleagues to participate in volunteer works, to carry forward the essence of Master Lo Pan's teaching of serving and benefiting the community."

The CIVAS recognises outstanding projects, organisations, volunteer teams and individuals, and this year, awards for "Outstanding Worker Volunteers in Construction Industry" and "Corporate Award for Workers Activeness" are newly introduced to motivate more workers to join the volunteering services.





This year's Gold Award in the "Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project" is awarded to the "Inheritance of Craftsmanship Eco-Planter Campaign" organised by the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation, China Resources Cement Holdings Limited, Golik Holdings, Hong Kong Institute of Construction and Oriental Landscapes Limited. This campaign turns the scrap material into eco-planters through traditional craftsmanship, succeed in applying their construction expertise to help decorate the community and the recreational spaces. Driven by the concept of environmental protection, this initiative promotes a sense of well-being among the community.

The "Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Individuals" Gold Award goes to Ms. CHIM Wing-shan, Associate Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Limited. Upholding the spirit of "Service Leadership", Ms. CHIM has actively involved in social services for many years, she promotes the development of the Girl Guides through innovative thinking, helping members discover their own strengths and inspires them to give back to society, creating a positive cycle of legacy. Last year, she successfully organised the first ever volunteer team of her company, putting in efforts to fulfil corporate social responsibility.

To further encourage companies to actively participate in CISVP activities, the "CISVP Corporate Award for Activeness" was also presented to the organisations that actively participated in CISVP's event and organised sports and volunteering programmes for their employees. After the award presentation session, various awards recipients were invited to share their experience in coordinating volunteering services.

The CIC has been organising the "Lo Pan Service Month" from May to August for years, aiming to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan's spirit. The four highlights of "Lo Pan Service Month", namely Blood Donation Days, Countryside and Shoreline Clean-up, Lo Pan Rice Distribution and Home Repair Services have received overwhelming support from industry stakeholders and NGOs. Starting this year, CISVP has expanded the scope of the Service Month to run throughout the year, under the theme of "Lo Pan \cdot Love Community", to spread and extend loves and cares to different communities.

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Mr. Robin LEE, Deputy Director of Drainage Services, officiates the Ceremony







Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, expresses gratitude to the industry for their active participation in volunteering work



Ir Albert CHENG (4th right), Executive Director of the CIC, presents prize to the recipients of the "Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration Award"







Representatives from the construction industry and the NGOs share their experience







The Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme garners huge support from 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.

About CISVP

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was established in 2016 with the aim to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities, including Happy Run, Sports Day and Charity Fun Day, Table Tennis Competition, 5-a-side Football Fun Day and Construction Industry Council Turf Soccer League have been organised since its inception.

Please visit <u>www.cisvp.hk</u> for further details.