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# 2025 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award Presentation Ceremony and Hong Kong Young Construction Conference Navigating Excellence: Empowering Young Dreams Builders

Hong Kong • 2 November 2025 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today hosted the 2025 Outstanding Construction Industry Young Person Award Presentation Ceremony and the Hong Kong Young Construction Conference (YCC), celebrating the achievements of six exceptional young professionals and fostering cross-generational dialogue to promote innovation and sustainable development in the industry.

The 2025 Outstanding Construction Industry Young Person Award Presentation Ceremony was officiated by Mr. David LAM, Acting Secretary for Development, and Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, who joined industry leaders, young professionals, and students in recognising the emergence of a new generation of construction talent. Now in its fourth edition, the award honours six individuals from diverse professional backgrounds for their outstanding performance and contributions to the industry (see Annex for the full list of awardees and details).

In his speech, the Acting Secretary for Development, Mr. David LAM, commended the awardees as role models for the industry's transformation and upgrading, demonstrating the indomitable spirit of the Hong Kong people in advancing excellence. He said that the construction industry has a promising outlook and huge potential, with innovative technology serving as the new driving force, while the Belt and Road Initiative provides a broad new stage with opportunities for development. He encouraged young construction practitioners to embrace both the new driving force and the new stage to shine in the industry.

Held under the theme "Forging New Roles, Constructing Tomorrow" the YCC featured a series of interactive sessions, including "Dialogue with the Secretary" and "Forging New Roles, Constructing Tomorrow" Sharing Session, which facilitated meaningful exchanges between youth, policymakers, and industry leaders. Mr. David LAM hosted the "Dialogue with the Secretary" session and exchanged with students from primary, secondary schools and university, igniting their interest and understanding of the construction industry and motivate them to join the construction industry in the future. The Conference attracted over 300 participants including students and construction practitioners, reflecting strong interest in the future of the industry from the younger generation and the public.



Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of CIC, said, "Youth represent an important propellent of industry advancement. I am proud of the rising stars in the construction industry. As today's speakers have shared, there are ample opportunities in the construction industry. We encourage young people to explore cross-discipline collaboration, just like the Awardees of CIOYPA this year, striving to achieve excellence in various fields. We wish they can use their professionalism to navigate the advancement of the industry"

The second session of the Hong Kong Young Construction Conference featured two prominent professionals from the industry to share their insights. Ar. Nicholas HO, Commissioner for Belt and Road, and Ir Jenny YEUNG, Deputy Head of the Geotechnical Engineering Office (Planning & Testing), discussed how they are redefining the roles within the construction industry in this new era and driving transformation through innovative thinking.

In his closing address, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, congratulated the six newly selected awardees of the Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award 2025. He also encouraged young people to continue exploring and challenging themselves, assuring them that they would one day become the future stars of the construction industry.

Through the Award and Conference, the CIC aims to inspire creativity and passion among the next generation, encouraging them to contribute to a smarter and more sustainable built environment.





Mr. David LAM (5th left, front row), Acting Secretary for Development, pictures with the awardees, proposers, judging panel members and guests of the "2025 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award"



Ir Prof. Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, delivers the opening remarks and congratulates the recipients of 2025 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award





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



"Hong Kong Young Construction Conference: Dialogue with the Secretary" is chaired by Mr. David LAM, Acting Secretary for Development. This session invites secondary school and university students to participate and aims to inspire young people's understanding of and interest in the construction industry through dialogue







The second session of the Conference features Ar. Nicholas HO (left image), Commissioner for Belt and Road, and Ir Jenny YEUNG (right image), Deputy Head of Geotechnical Engineering Office (Planning & Testing). They share insights on redefining the construction industry at both local and international levels

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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 2025 Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award

Category	Name
Technology Transformation, Design, Academic and Others	Ir LEE Ming-kiu, Owen
Technology Transformation, Design, Academic and Others	Dr. Ar. LO Yee-cheung, Adrian
Business and Management	Ir SOON Geng-jiu, Keith
Business and Management	Ir WONG Kok-meng, Joe
Frontline Construction Personnel	Mr. CHOI Chi-hang, Oscar
Frontline Construction Personnel	Ms. PAK Pik-ki Beckett, Daisy

## The CIOYPA Selection Procedure and Criteria

The selection is based on (1) personal achievements; (2) contributions to the construction industry; (3) contributions to the society; and (4) commitments to future Hong Kong. The nominees are nominated by a proposer and required to attend an initial screening interview conducted by the Selection Consultant of CIOYPA. The shortlisted nominees are required to attend the final judging interview by Chief Judge, Ir Hon CHAN Siu-hung, Legislative Council Member (Election Committee), and with other judges included Ir HO On-sing, Thomas, Chairman of CIC, Ir LAU Chun-kit, Ricky, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), and Ms. Michele LUI, the awardee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person Award.