

CIC Green Product Certification Scheme Earns Recognition in the OCBC SME Sustainable Finance Framework



Hong Kong • 6 March 2026 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) have established a partnership with OCBC Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (OCBC Hong Kong), enabling products certified at Platinum or Gold ratings under the **CIC Green Product Certification (CIC GPC) Scheme**, to be recognised under the **OCBC SME Sustainable Finance Framework ("OCBC SME SF Framework")**. Eligible borrowers can now leverage this certification scheme to apply for green financing from OCBC to support the manufacturing, distribution, and procurement of certified green building materials. The collaboration supports SMEs and stakeholders across the built environment supply chain in adopting low-carbon and eco-friendly building materials, accelerating the green transformation of Hong Kong's construction industry.

The announcement was jointly made by the **CIC, HKGBC and OCBC Hong Kong** at the **CIC Green Product Certification – Green Product Forum and Exhibition (the Forum)**. Held on 9 February at the **Jockey Club Environmental Building**, the Forum, co-organised by the CIC and the HKGBC, brought together nearly 100 industry practitioners for green product tours, presentations, and an engaging panel discussion.

In his Welcome Remarks, **Ar. Clarence LEUNG, Council Member and Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability of the CIC**, noted the growing demand for green product certification in recent years. He highlighted that the **CIC GPC** currently covers 32 product categories, and applies five Sustainability Labels: **Carbon, Environment, InnoSmart, Performance** and **Resource** for rating, ensuring certified products meet sustainability standards. He further outlined CIC's future plans to drive wider adoption of green products across the construction industry, and underscored the importance of cross-sector collaborative efforts, especially with the finance sector. He welcomed OCBC Hong Kong's inclusion of **CIC GPC** certified products within its OCBC SME SF Framework as a meaningful and impactful milestone for the industry.

Delivering the keynote speech, **Ms Celina CHAN, Head of Sustainability & Sustainable Finance at OCBC Hong Kong**, announced that products achieving Platinum or Gold ratings under the **CIC GPC** will be recognised under the OCBC SME SF Framework. Ms CHAN added "We are grateful that OCBC has been named the 'Best Sustainable Finance Bank in Hong Kong' by Global Finance for 3 years in a row. The Bank is committed to

supporting the SME green transition. To date we have helped over 1,400 SMEs in Hong Kong and Macau with our sustainable financing through our unique tools and solutions.”

The Forum’s panel discussion brought together stakeholders from across the ecosystem to review industry developments and explore opportunities for collaboration that can accelerate the green transformation of the built environment.

OCBC Hong Kong further shared how financial institutions can better support developers and suppliers in adopting green procurement and sustainable supply chain practices. Real estate developers highlighted a growing adoption of green building materials in construction, many of which now attain Platinum ratings under the **CIC GPC**. Electrical product suppliers also showcased examples of innovative, energy-efficient technologies integrated into green products, underscoring the role these advancements play in supporting the path toward carbon neutrality by 2050.

The CIC Green Product Certification Scheme is owned by the CIC, and operated by the HKGBC. Launched in 2019, it provides manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, and developers with a public and transparent platform to identify and procure green products and materials. Its website serves as a one-stop platform for industry professionals and the public to learn about application details and browse certified green materials and eco-products. For more details, please visit: <https://cicgpc.hkgbc.org.hk>

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Ar. Clarence LEUNG, Council Member and Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability of the CIC (2nd left), Ar. Dr Tony IP, MH Member of the Industry Standards and Practices Committee of the HKGBC (2nd right), Ms Celina CHAN, Head of Sustainability & Sustainable Finance at OCBC Hong Kong (1st left), and Ms Jocelyn ZHU, Director of Sustainable Finance at OCBC Hong Kong (1st right), join together for a group photo at the Forum.



Ir Harry LAI, BBS, Executive Director of the HKGBC (4th left), Ar. Dr Tony IP, MH, Member of the Industry Standards and Practices Committee of the HKGBC (1st left), and Ms Jocelyn ZHU, Director of Sustainable Finance at OCBC Hong Kong (3rd left), join a group photo with the panellists of the panel discussion.

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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 2007 according to 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, offer professional training and registration services, and provide a communication platform between the Government and the construction industry.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit www.cic.hk.

About the Hong Kong Green Building Council

The Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) is a non-profit, member-led organisation established in 2009 and has become a public body under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance since 2016. The HKGBC strives to promote the standard and development of sustainable buildings in Hong Kong. The HKGBC also aims to raise green building awareness by engaging the government, the industry and the public, and to develop practical solutions for Hong Kong's unique, subtropical built environment of high-rise, high density urban area, leading Hong Kong to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and to become a world's exemplar of green building development. The Founding Members of the HKGBC include the Construction Industry Council (CIC), the Business Environment

Council (BEC), the BEAM Society Limited (BSL) and the Professional Green Building Council (PGBC).

To learn more about the HKGBC, please visit www.hkgbc.org.hk.

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