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## **Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) Unveils Building Heritage Tour to Introduce Construction Craftsmanship**

**Hong Kong • 11 April 2018** – The Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) organised HKIC Building Heritage Tour Kick-off Ceremony today to introduce a series of guided tours for local students and members of the public with a view to acquainting them with the traditional construction techniques of local historical buildings. Mr. YAM Ho-san, Jose, Commissioner for Heritage of the Development Bureau, Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of HKIC and Mr. David K. M. FUNG, Senior Manager, Community Centre Services & Corporate Venture Services of St. James' Settlement attended the ceremony as guests-of-honour to kick-off the building heritage tour series.

HKIC Building Heritage Tour is a year-long guided tour programme co-organised by the HKIC and Development Bureau for the general public and schools starting from April this year. Starting from Blue House Cluster, which was given the Award of Excellence in Unesco Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation, the tour series will also cover Mei Ho House, Old Tai Po Police Station, Lo Pan Temple and the Hungry Ghost Festival.

Ir Dr. Francis WONG said, “The mission of HKIC is to nurture an accomplished construction workforce with sound professional skills and inherited knowledge for the construction industry of Hong Kong. With a view to promoting the heritage in Hong Kong from the perspective of valuable construction techniques and craftsmanship. Through the guided tours of local historical buildings we would like secondary school students and the public to have a better understanding on the vital roles played by the construction craftsmanship in the urban development.”

Mr. KAN Wai-hung, Acting Principal of Kwai Chung Campus, HKIC and Mr. Terence LAM,

Supervising Instructor of HKIC Carpentry & Joinery Trade, shared the knowledge of the craftsmanship and importance of construction techniques, including Carpentry & Joinery skills, in heritage restoration and preservation projects. Ms. Aka CHIO, member of Super Girls and illustrator also shared her views on heritage conservation and arts. She also presented her illustration to HKIC.

Following the ceremony was the first guided tour, Blue House Cluster conservation tour. The tour was led by representatives from HKIC, CHO and St. James' Settlement, the operator of Blue House Cluster, providing well-rounded perspectives on construction techniques, heritage conservation as well as history and culture of the heritage to participants.

For more information regarding the tour, please refer to the attached poster.

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(Second left) Ir Dr. Francis WONG, Director of HKIC presented the souvenirs to the officiating guests, (Far left) Mr. YAM Ho-san, Jose, Commissioner for Heritage of the Development Bureau, (Second right) Mr. David K. M. FUNG, Senior Manager, Community Centre Services & Corporate Venture Services of St. James' Settlement and the guest of the sharing session, (Far right) Ms. Aka ChIO.



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Blue House Cluster conservation tour was organised after the Ceremony.



The logo of HKIC is designed by Hong Kong well-known designer and artist Mr. Stanley Wong. The logo represents the universe view of the Chinese ancient time, the professional attitude of Lo Pan, the patron saint of Chinese builders and carpenters, as well as Chinese traditional craftsmanship of wood joinery structure.

### **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 and the opening ceremony will be held on 3 September 2018. HKIC is an organisation member of the Construction Industry Council and provides a series of construction training courses (including full-time and part-time) to the young people intending to work in the construction industry, people looking for a new job in another industry and experienced construction practitioners, with an intention to provide some “knowledgeable” practitioners.

### **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.

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