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Outstanding Students Awarded CIC Scholarships

Hong Kong • **26 September 2015** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) and its Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) today presented the CIC Scholarships for the Family Members of Registered Construction Workers (scholarships) to twenty students who had achieved outstanding results in the 2015 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination.

The scholarships are offered to immediate family members and youngsters under the guardianship of registered construction workers. Apart from commending students for their outstanding academic performance, the scholarships aim to give recognition to construction workers who contribute to Hong Kong's development while nurturing the next generation of leaders. Since the establishment of the scholarship programme in 2011, the CIC has awarded scholarships to 72 students with total value of almost HK\$520,000.

At the presentation ceremony held at the Construction Industry Resource Centre, Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairman of the CWRB, was delighted that a scholarship recipient had been admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Surveying, and hoped that she would one day join the local construction industry. Mr. CHONG added, "Students' career choices vary. However, it is extremely important to fulfil your duties and obligations, to enjoy and to show tremendous dedication to your job that contribute to the future development of Hong Kong."

Mr. Ivan WONG, Director – Registration Services of the CIC, was pleased with the number of applications received this year. "Now in its fifth year, the number of applications has reached a record high and rose 23% from the previous year," he said. He also believed that apart from the effort that students exerted in their studies, parents play a critical role in helping young adults succeed in high school and beyond.

In addition to 20 scholarship awards, the CIC gives a supplementary award of HK\$5,000 to any scholarship recipient who is admitted to a discipline related to construction or



engineering in local higher educational institutions. This year, one of the scholarship recipients who received this supplementary award has been admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Surveying in the University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Architecture. (A list of 20 scholarship recipients is in Annex I.)



Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairman of the CWRB (first row, 6th right), and Mr. Ivan WONG, Director – Registration Services of the CIC (first row, 6th left), posed for a photo with the scholarship recipients

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 Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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