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### To Meet the Market Demand Basic Craft Course Added New Trades

Hong Kong • 23 May 2013 – Driven by the infrastructure projects, there is also a strong demand of trowel workers, joiners, metal workers and bamboo scaffolders in large-scale urban renewal and maintenance works. Youngsters who have completed the construction training courses can benefit from high income and high employment rates.

The Basic Craft Course offered by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) aims at providing professional craftsmanship training to young talents who have completed Secondary Three Level. The Course focuses on practical mode of training, added with theory and site practice training. By the time of course completion, trainees can master both basic skills and possess site working experience, which are welcome by employers and offer full placement rate.

Besides free in tuition, trainees can receive a monthly training allowance of \$2800. If trainees continue to further studies after graduation, they may become trade supervisors or sub-contractors in future.

To alleviate the urgent demand of certain trade professionals of the industry, the Basic Craft Course will have the following amendments during the new intake in September:

1. “Bricklaying, Plastering & Tiling” Course will split into two trades, **“Bricklaying & Plastering”** and **“Bricklaying & Tiling”**
2. “Carpentry & Joinery” will divide into **“Carpentry & Joinery”** and **“Construction Formwork”**

The Basic Craft Course is a one-year full-time training course, other trades include Painting, Decorating & Sign-writing; Plumbing & Pipe-fitting; Marble Laying; Metal Works; Construction Scaffolding Works; Construction Plant Maintenance & Repairs and Electrical Installation. Youngsters can choose to enroll in any one of the trades accordingly to their ability and interest.

The Basic Craft Course is now open for registration. Course details and application forms can be obtained at any one of the CIC training centres or alternatively, be downloaded at the CIC website <http://www.hkcic.org>. For enquiries, please call 2100 9101.

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