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### CIC Honours Outstanding Volunteers and Organisations at the First Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony

**Hong Kong • 15 July 2018** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held the first Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony (Ceremony) at Construction Industry Council – Zero Carbon Building (CIC - ZCB) today. The officiating guests included Mr. LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development, HKSAR and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC.

The Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP) has launched the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme (CIVAS) in 2017 with an aim to recognise contributions from construction practitioners to the community so as to instill a caring culture amongst them, through recording their volunteer service hours. 36 construction-related organisations, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, have participated in the first year of the Scheme, providing services to singleton elderly, low-income family, youth and ethnic minorities. Service areas cover Hong Kong, Mainland China and other Southeast Asia regions, contributing a total of 185,000 service hours.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC, said, “We held the kick-off ceremony of the CIVAS here last year and we are happy to reap the harvest today. In the future, we will further promote corporate membership under CIVAS with a view to effectively encouraging industry practitioners to join volunteer services.”

In the sharing session, recipient of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering (Gold) award, Ms. Gigi POON from Drainage Services Department, representative of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project (Gold) award, Ms. Abigail TAM from Dragages Volunteam and representatives from the three beneficiaries, namely Hong Kong Housing Society, Hong Kong Young Women’s Christian Association and Produce Green Foundation, shared their insights and experiences on volunteering with the audience. Moreover, a two-week exhibition takes place at the CIC-ZCB to showcase volunteering services contributed by the participating organisations.

In addition, CIC has made July Lo Pan Service Month since 2017, to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan’s spirit to benefit different sectors of society. Various volunteer services, including household repairs and maintenance service, visit to the

elderly and beach cleaning, organised by the volunteer teams of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction and industry organisations will be held after the award presentation ceremony.

CIC launched CISVP in October 2016 to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities have been organised since its inception to promote a healthy lifestyle and caring culture amongst construction practitioners.



Mr. LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development (third left), HKSAR, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (third right), and other guests announce the total service hours contributed by construction practitioners



Award recipients and beneficiaries share their insights and experiences with the audience



Group photo

### **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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

### **About CISVP**

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was established in 2016 with the aim to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities, including Construction Industry Table Tennis Competition, Construction Industry Sports Day and Charity Fun Day, Construction Industry Happy Run and Carnival, as well as Construction Industry Council Turf Soccer League have been organised since its inception.

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