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Registration Drives Professionalism
Launching Ceremony of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors
Scheme

Hong Kong · 28 March 2019 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) officially launched the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTC) Scheme at its launching ceremony held at Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre on 25 March 2019. With effective on 1 April 2019, RSTC Scheme aims to build a pool of professional and responsible trade contractors with specialised skills through the recognised registration system for development of the construction industry.

The ceremony was officiated by the Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC and Ir CHAN Chi-chiu, Chairperson of the Committee on RSTC Scheme and other practitioners/ professionals. About one hundred representatives from the government, supporting organisations, contractors, subcontractors and trade associations attended the ceremony to witness the significant milestone in reinforcing Hong Kong’s subcontractor registration system.

Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), said in the speech that he was glad to witness the official establishment of the “Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme”. He looked forward to the overall improvement of subcontractors under “professionalisation”, “legacy” and “innovation”.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, said in his welcome remarks that this was an appropriate time for the CIC to further enhance the prevailing Subcontractor Registration Scheme. The RSTC Scheme collated the five core elements of registration criteria including safety, management, job experience, execution and finance, and applied to seven specialist trades, i.e. demolition, scaffolding, concreting formwork, reinforcement bar fixing, concreting, erection of concrete precast component and curtain wall as pilot program. He believed that the RSTC Scheme will be a recognition of registered companies and will strengthen the regulatory and monitoring system of the industry. The Development Bureau, the Hong Kong Airport Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the MTR Corporation Limited, etc. would make employment of RSTCs as mandatory provision in their construction contracts.

The event also featured a peer sharing session moderated by Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC. Six representatives from supporting organisations, main contractor and specialist trade associations shared their extensive experiences and insights on the professional development of subcontractors, sustainable employment prospects and aspirations for good subcontractor.

The CIC will continue to work in close partnership with the industry to join hand to promote the implementation of the RSTC Scheme.



Ir LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (5th left), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC (6th left), Ir CHAN Chi-chiu, Chairperson of the Committee on RSTC Scheme (4th right) officiating the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme Launching Ceremony with other guests



Moderated by Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1st right), industry leaders are invited to share their experience at a sharing session, including (from left to right) Ir Kevin MAN, Construction Manager of the MTR Corporation Ltd, Mr. TSANG Ting-fat, Life Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar-Bending Contractors Association, Mr. CHEUNG Yuk-kei, Chairman of the Hong Kong Concretor Contractors Association, Mr. WONG Kei-ming, Chairman of the Hong Kong Formwork Contractors Association, Ir Danny HUNG, HKCA Vice-President (Mainland), the Hong Kong Construction Association, and Ir Tony HO, Principal Assistant Secretary of the Development Bureau

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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