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CIC and HKSTP Sign MoU on Construction Robotics and Automation System Development

Hong Kong • 20 May 2019 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) to drive the development of construction robotics and automation systems for betterment of the Hong Kong construction industry.

The MoU signing was witnessed by The Hon Mrs. Carrie LAM, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, Mr. Nicholas YANG, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, and Mr. Michael WONG, Secretary for Development. According to the agreement, the CIC and HKSTP will collaborate in establishing an accreditation scheme to uphold the standard of construction robotics and automation systems. The two institutions will also co-organise technical visits, conferences, workshops and exhibitions to promote the collaboration, as well as provide training, competence assessment and certification of personnel to accelerate the application of technology in the construction sector.

On the same occasion, HKSTP held a construction commencement ceremony for the “*InnoCell*”, another pilot scheme applying the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) technology in Hong Kong. Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, expressed that he was delighted to see that following the opening of the Hong Kong’s first MiC building, “*CIC MiC Display Centre*”, the industry has been proactively adopting the MiC and other construction technologies.

“Like every other sector in Hong Kong, the construction industry is also experiencing Digital Transformation. We need to accelerate the implementation of new and innovative technologies that can drive productivity, safety, cost efficiency, and shorten construction times. There is much opportunity for HKSTP and CIC to nurture home-grown companies that can develop solutions for Hong Kong-specific challenges, and aid our construction industry as well,” added Mr. CHAN.



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Witnessed by The Hon Mrs. Carrie LAM (back, middle), Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, Mr. Nicholas YANG (back, 2nd left), Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr. Michael WONG (back, 2nd right), Secretary for Development, Dr. Sunny CHAI (back, 1st left), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui (back, 1st right), Chairman of CIC.

Mr. Albert CHENG (front, right), Executive Director of CIC, together with CEO of HKSTP Mr. Albert WONG (front, left) represent the CIC and HKSTP to sign the MoU.



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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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