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“Construction Month 2021” – “Towards Carbon Neutral”
Diversified Activities Uniting the Construction Industry and the Public
on “Carbon Neutral” Journey

Hong Kong • 31 October 2021 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC)’s annual signature event **“Construction Month 2021”** will return in November. **“Towards Carbon Neutral”**, the theme of this year, denotes CIC-Zero Carbon Park (CIC-ZCP) as the hub to unite the construction industry and the members of the public to explore, understand and take part in the **“Carbon Neutral”** journey. The **“Construction Month 2021”** Soft Opening Ceremony was successfully held today at the CIC-ZCP, which was officiated by Mr. Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairperson of the Zero Carbon Building Management Board, and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC.

During the opening speech, Mr. Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) said, **“CIC-ZCP has always been the pioneer in driving sustainable construction, and the Construction Industry Innovation and Technology Application Centre located here also exhibits various energy-saving and green technologies.”** He also thanked the CIC for continuing to promote energy-saving, zero-carbon, technology and innovation, and supporting the construction industry to contribute to the goal of carbon reduction. In addition to the launch of its Carbon Assessment Tool, the CIC promotes green finance in complementing the HKSAR Government, and will soon launch a sustainable finance certification scheme to provide support for the industry to promote green building projects.

“Construction Month 2021 is comprised of over 20 captivating activities, encompassing key industry events and a series of fascinating programmes that advocate environmental protection. The aim is to promote sustainable industry development and motivate the public in leading a low-carbon lifestyle,” said Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairperson of the Zero Carbon Building Management Board.

The soft opening ceremony was kicked off with a compelling singing performance featuring two young industry professionals, who also modelled for the 2022 CIC Construction Power Calendar, followed by the official launch of the brand new **“ZCP Green Heroes” Award Badges Programme**. This programme is an award scheme that encourages primary and secondary school students’ participation in carbon reduction activities, ranging from interactive dramas, guided tours to storytelling

sessions and construction green workshops, etc. The objective is to deepen students' understanding in sustainable city development via strengthening their environmental awareness, as well as determination and skills in carbon reduction, who can in turn influence their families and friends in joining hands to reduce carbon footprint.

Targeted at secondary school students, the CIC has recently launched the “**MiC: Maximise Infinite Creativity – Mini-building Model Competition**” to spark creative ideas in improving our urban landscape and the construction industry at large. Submitted models were evaluated based on creativity, the use of environmentally-friendly materials, practicality, sustainability concept and the aesthetics, etc. 14 winners were selected and the students received their award certificates during the **Prize Presentation** session at the Soft Opening Ceremony, and their outstanding building models will be exhibited in the CIC-ZCP during the “**Construction Month 2021**”. This is aspired to promote Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) among the industry as well as the public, and garner support for the advancement in MiC technologies.

Numerous large-scale signature industry events await to be unveiled in the “**Construction Month 2021**”. The “**CIC Construction Digitalisation Award 2021 Presentation Ceremony**” recognises outstanding local projects and local organisations for their contribution in the promotion and adoption of digitalisation tools and workflows, while the “**CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme Launching Ceremony**” kicks start the certification scheme that provides a common framework and user-friendly assessment system to facilitate the application of sustainable finance for the construction industry. The inaugural “**CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2021**” encourages local contractors to continuously enhance their professionalism and competitiveness, and attracts young talents to join forces and take Hong Kong construction industry to the next level.

Other programmes include the “**Sustainable Construction Playground**”, “**Construction Story Corner**”, “**Construction Green Workshops**”, “**ZCP Green Market**”, “**CIC-ZCP Biodiversity Exploration**” guided tours, etc. “**Construction Month 2021**” is a perfect occasion for the construction industry and the public to gather and learn more about green construction, experience the low-carbon lifestyle, and join the CIC on the journey towards “Carbon Neutral”.

For more details, please visit:

www.cic.hk/eng/main/construction_month2021

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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.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.



Mr. Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) delivers his opening remarks



Mr. Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (2nd right), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC (2nd left), Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairperson of the Zero Carbon Building Management Board (1st right), and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (1st left)



The winning team from Tsuen Wan Public Ho Chuen Yiu Memorial College received the award certificate for their impressive performance at the “MiC: Maximise Infinite Creativity – Mini-building Model Competition” in the senior category. Their winning model, “Hexamunity”, will be displayed along with other outstanding entries in the CIC-ZCP during 1-23 November.



Good Hope School won the “MiC: Maximise Infinite Creativity – Mini-building Model Competition” in the junior category



The “ZCP Green Heroes” Award Badges Programme was officially launched, introducing a variety of carbon reduction activities such as interactive dramas, talks and sustainable workshops that welcome all students to join. Students who are honoured “ZCP Green Heroes” will be awarded with certificates and badges issued by the CIC-ZCP



Open to public from now until 30 November, the "Sustainable Construction Playground" transforms the grassland of the CIC-ZCP into a children's playground with wood blocks upcycled from abandoned woods



The "Construction Story Corner" invites a list of CEOs from the construction industry to share stories about green construction and sustainability development on 7, 13, and 28 November. Children can learn and explore smart cities and green building designs through interactive games, learning kits and vivid storytelling



The ZCP Green Market will be organised at the CIC-ZCP on 27 and 28 November. A second-hand barter market, participants are welcome to bring any unused or idle recyclable items such as old clothes and toys to the CIC-ZCP and exchange with one another, putting environmental protection into practice