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Construction Innovation Expo 2022 **Leading Construction Industry towards New High Technology Era**

Hong Kong • 13 December 2022 – The Construction Innovation Expo 2022 (CIExpo) that jointly organised by the Construction Industry Council, Centre of Science and Technology Industrial Development (CSTID), the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People’s Republic of China and Development Bureau (DevB) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region officially commenced today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre for consecutive 5 days. CIExpo strives to serve as a knowledge sharing platform with business opportunities for the industry, bringing the latest construction technologies from global to local and promoting the up-to-trend information on sustainability development to industry practitioners.

To mark the ceremonial moments of CIExpo and the 15th anniversary of the CIC, Mr. John LEE, the Chief Executive officiated the Grand Opening Ceremony together with Ms. LU Xinning, Deputy Director, Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Hong Kong S.A.R., Mr. ZENG Xianxin, Director-General, Department of Construction Market Supervision of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People’s Republic of China, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Mr. Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. YE Shuiqiu, Deputy Director-General, Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Hong Kong SAR, Mr. LIU Xinfeng, Director-General, Centre of Science and Technology Industrial Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People’s Republic of China, Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC and Ir Ken WONG, Chairperson of Organising Committee of Construction Innovation Expo 2022.

Mr. John LEE, in his welcome speech at the Grand Opening Ceremony, said, “Construction is Hong Kong’s fifth-largest employer contributing more than 4 per cent of our GDP. Hong Kong’s annual construction volume is expected to grow to more than HK\$300 billion, equivalent to around US\$38 billion, in the years ahead.” He also would like to express his thanks to the organisers of the Construction Innovation Expo, putting together a construction industry week that can shape our future. On the same day, Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of HKSAR Government attended the Global Construction Summit to witness an insightful idea exchange session with participants from all over the world.

The CIC is committed to driving innovation and technology development for the industry. With the aim of recognising the contribution of key industry players, a total of 25 Innovation Awards and Merit Certificates were presented, covering the aspects of Construction Productivity, Construction Safety, Construction Sustainability and Young Innovators. Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, congratulated to the awardees, “Our Construction Innovation Award has exactly put the spotlight on such spirit and passion in driving

innovation and new ideas, recognising those who have spearheaded the development, promotion and implementation of new construction materials, methods, and technologies that raise the competitiveness of the construction industry of Hong Kong.”

The 5-day CIExpo, which showcases “Industrialisation”, “Digitalisation”, “Automation” and “Modernisation” as 4 thematic zones, received overwhelming response that joined by over 150 exhibitors, expecting at least 10,000 visits in total. The CIC also signed Memorandum of Understanding with CSTID, Cyberport and Huawei, jointly upgrade the industry and uplift our professional quality. Government officials, renowned experts, academics and entrepreneurs with engineering and technology background are invited to be speakers of Global Construction Summit, Greater Bay Area Construction Summit, International Conference on MiC, Construction Digitalisation, Construction Safety & Health and Green Construction separately, to dive into this experiential and ceremonial occasion and to spark new ideas and innovations. In addition, to keep the industry abreast of market needs and changes, a business-matching zone is set up on-site as a one-stop shop to promote hybrid business networking, discover lucrative opportunities and offer practical solutions.

Besides, the CIC is pleased to arrange different technical tours to present successful projects, including The Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant, Kai Tak Sports Park, Student Residence at Wong Chuk Hang Site for the University of Hong Kong, Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2 (O · PARK2), The Quayside, Widening of Sai Sha Road, Site Formation Works at Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas and Expansion of Sha Tau Kok Sewage Treatment Works, in which the industry experts and frontline workers could share their knowledge and experience to enhance our excellent quality.

For more details of the CIExpo, please visit our website at <http://ciexpo.cic.hk>.

For Innovation Award, please refer to <https://ciexpo.cic.hk/GetMedia/20365/innovation-award-result-announcement-english.pdf>

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Mr. John LEE, the Chief Executive (5th right), officiated the Grand Opening Ceremony together with, Ms. LU Xinning (5th left), Deputy Director, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong S.A.R., Mr. ZENG Xianxin (3rd right), Director-General, Department of Construction Market Supervision of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, Ms. Bernadette LINN (4th left), Secretary for Development, Ir Thomas HO (4th right), Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Mr. Ricky LAU (2nd right), Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. YE Shuiqiu (2nd left), Deputy Director-General, Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR, Mr. LIU Xinfeng (3rd left), Director-General, Centre of Science and Technology Industrial Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, Ir Albert CHENG (1st right), Executive Director of the CIC and Ir Ken WONG (1st left), Chairperson of Organising Committee of Construction Innovation Expo 2022.



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The Chief Executive, Mr. John LEE, delivers opening speech



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Mr. ZENG Xianxin (middle), Director-General, Department of Construction Market Supervision of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, visits CIExpo 2022 to understand the latest development of the construction industry



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Mr. Paul CHAN, Financial Secretary of HKSAR Government delivers keynote speech in the Global Construction Summit



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Ir Thomas HO (3rd left), Chairman of the CIC praises the awardees of Innovation Award 2022 whom help reshape Hong Kong to be a Smart City



The CIExpo showcases 4 thematic zones: “Industrialisation”, “Digitalisation”, “Automation” and “Modernisation”, over 170 exhibitors join CIExpo and showcase their latest construction technologies



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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.