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Construction Industry Council Organises the China ConTech Forum Unleashing the Power of Innovation for a New Era in Hong Kong Construction Industry

Hong Kong • 9 August 2023 – The "China Con-Tech Development and the Future of Hong Kong Construction Industry" forum hosted by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) concluded at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre today. 23 leading figures from the construction industry in Mainland China and Hong Kong, including four academicians from the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Chinese Academy of Sciences, discussed the latest construction technology in Mainland China and local construction industry development opportunities. The event aimed to create a platform for high-level industry exchanges, foster collaborations, and create business opportunities.

The opening ceremony was hosted by Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, Dr. WANG Wei-ming, Director of the Department of Educational Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of CIC, Ir Prof Frank CHAN, Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress of The HKSAR and Former Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr. Allen YEUNG, Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress of the HKSAR and Former Government Chief Information Officer, Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, and Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Task Force of Greater Bay Area of the CIC. Ms. Winnie HO, Secretary for Housing, also participated in the forum and delivered a keynote speech.

CIC has been actively promoting the development of innovation and technology in the construction industry in Hong Kong, sparing no effort to promote construction industrialisation, digitalisation and sustainability. This forum also invited industry leaders and academicians in China's construction technology industry to share their insights on China's ConTech development and the future trend of Hong Kong's construction industry.

Ir Thomas Ho, Chairman of CIC, said in his opening remarks, "with 'MI-Infinity', Hong Kong construction has now developed an advanced digital project management platform and reached a new level of innovation, spearheading the way towards a circular economy in infrastructure and buildings in the GBA. Leveraging our strengths as an international city, expertise in project management, and extensive business network. With the

tremendous support from our mainland counterparts, we are creating a strong synergy that is propelling us towards a bright future and a leading position on the global stage.”

Ms. Bernadette LINN, the Secretary for Development, said “A number of major works projects will enter the construction stage in the coming years. Innovations and technological applications will be the key to tackle the various challenges and the way out for the construction industry. The HKSAR Government spares no efforts in promoting high productivity construction methods. With the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) modules supply chain further optimised, we hope that it will strengthen Hong Kong’s leading position in adopting MiC in the region.”

The forum was attended by 1,600 guests in person and online. The CIC looks forward to use this forum as a platform for knowledge and experience sharing, and encourage the construction industry in Mainland China and Hong Kong to seize the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area. The Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong will connect enterprises in the area for in-depth cooperation for an industry transformation. With enhanced professionalism matching international standards, we hope to build an ecosystem of technological innovation, talents and high-quality construction backed by China and rooted in the Greater Bay Area.



From left: Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council, Ir Prof Frank CHAN, Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress of The HKSAR and Former Secretary for Transport and Housing, Dr. WANG Wei-ming, Director of the Department of Educational Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. Allen YEUNG, Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress of the HKSAR and Former Government Chief Information Officer, and Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Task Force of Greater Bay Area of the Construction Industry Council officiate the opening ceremony of the “China Con-Tech Development and the Future of Hong Kong Construction Industry” Forum.



Mr Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council delivers the Welcome Remarks at the "China Con-Tech Development and the Future of Hong Kong Construction Industry" Forum



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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.