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## **CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2023** **Embark on a New Era of Construction Sustainability**

**Hong Kong • 20 November 2023** – The CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2023 (GCSFE 2023) officially commenced today. Co-organised by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Development Bureau (DEVB) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the forum will be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong and its Exhibition will take place at the Sky100 for consecutive 3 days, while the technical tours will be run on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the event. The GCSFE serves as an expertise-sharing and information-exchange platform, with business opportunities and local-to-global interactions for the construction sector, promoting the importance of sustainability, digitalisation, high productivity, and safe construction.

To mark the ceremonial moments of the GCSFE 2023, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, officiated the Grand Opening Ceremony together with Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC, Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC and Mr. Ivan FU, Chairperson of the Organising Committee of GCSFE.

Ms. Bernadette LINN said in her opening address at the Grand Opening Ceremony, “The overall annual construction expenditure, including both public and private sectors, will rise to HK\$300 billion annually in the coming years. Together they present a golden opportunity for the construction industry to embrace sustainable construction practices. I am very glad that this forum has managed to cover all key development areas of our construction industry and I am sure this 4-day global forum can foster cross sector and cross border collaboration.”

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of CIC, said, “As the first of its kind in Hong Kong, GCSFE serves as a platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing, for the display of cutting-edge technologies, and to ignite discussions and imaginations that contribute to the sustainable construction in Hong Kong. Our sustainable mission is a collective task that requires everyone’s contribution, partners and cooperation are what we cherish the most.”



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The 3-day forum will bring together over 40 locally and internationally prominent speakers, including Government officials, subject matter experts, leading academics and researchers, chief executives of major developers and industry enterprises, as well as presidents of relevant statutory bodies and associations to share their insights on 8 topics including High Productivity and Sustainable Construction, Construction Digitalisation, Green Finance, Carbon Neutrality, Corporate ESG, GBA Construction, Talent Development and Safety. While the Exhibition held in the same period at Sky100 are joined by 40 exhibitors and sponsors to showcase their latest construction technologies and solutions towards sustainability, which will cover 7 major themes, namely Construction Digitalisation, Green Construction, GBA Construction, Smart and Safe Construction, High Productivity Construction, Talent Development, and Green Finance. GCSFE 2023 expects to welcome at least 10,000 visits in total. With concerted efforts and contributions of a pool of wide-spectrum professionals, GCSFE 2023 will serve as a catalyst to boost the industry in finding smarter, greener and more sustainable ways to steer development and create fresh opportunities for the construction sector in Hong Kong.

To recognise industry practitioners' outstanding performance in achieving sustainable construction and applying digitalisation, the presentation ceremony of the CIC Sustainable Construction Award (SCA) and the Hong Kong Construction Common Data Environment Award would be held respectively on the first 2 days of the GCSFE 2023. In addition, sustainable development is a collective task that requires efforts from every player in the industry. To signify industry stakeholders' commitment, the signing ceremony of the Sustainable Construction Charter and the Construction Digitalisation Charter would be covered in the event. Over 100 organisations participate in each of the two Charters and commit to the Organisational Carbon Reduction Roadmap and the Digitalisation Roadmap respectively.

Technical tours will be organised on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of GCSFE to present successful construction projects to the participants. The tours will pay visit to sites including Central Kowloon Route, Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel and Terminal 2 Expansion Works, with the project teams sharing their invaluable experience to promote exchanges within the industry.

For more details of the GCSFE, please visit our website at [www.cic.hk/gcsfe/en](http://www.cic.hk/gcsfe/en).



Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, delivers her opening address in the Grand Opening Ceremony of the GCSFE



Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development (middle), officiated the Grand Opening Ceremony together with Ir Thomas HO (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Chairman of the CIC, Ir Ricky LAU (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Ir Albert CHENG (1<sup>st</sup> left), Executive Director of the CIC and Mr. Ivan FU (1<sup>st</sup> right), Chairperson of the Organising Committee of GCSFE



Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development visits the exhibition of GCSFE to understand the latest sustainable development and innovations of the construction industry



Over 160 organisations and companies pledged to the CIC Sustainable Construction Charter to demonstrate their commitment in carbon neutrality



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Ir Ricky LAU (4<sup>th</sup> right), Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), congratulates the awardees of the CIC Sustainable Construction Award 2023



The GCSFE 2023 features over 40 exhibitors to showcase their latest construction technologies and solutions towards sustainability

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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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

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