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**Construction Industry Council Releases
'Construction Expenditure Forecast' and
'Forecast of Manpower Situation of Skilled Construction Workers'**

Hong Kong • 16 December 2016 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the latest '*Construction Expenditure Forecast*' and '*Forecast of Manpower Situation of Skilled Construction Workers*'. It forecasts that the future construction expenditure will remain high, and the industry will still be facing a shortage of skilled workers.

The CIC forecasts that in the coming five years, the **overall construction expenditure** in Hong Kong will be **around HK\$240 to HK\$300 billion per annum**. There will be a **shortage of about 10,000 to 15,000 skilled workers** in the construction industry. The manpower forecast has taken into account the total construction expenditure forecast in the public and private sectors, the number of in-service workers and their age distribution, training and other relevant factors.

A spokesperson for the CIC said, "In collaboration with the industry, the CIC adopts a multi-pronged approach to cope with the shortage of skilled workers. The CIC is actively engaging in discussions with industry stakeholders to enhance the 'First-hire-then-train' scheme which is in collaboration with contractors. The CIC will strengthen the training for relevant trades with labour shortage, and provide various skill enhancement courses for concretors, metal scaffolders and plasterers etc to upgrade the skill level of in-service general workers to the level of semi-skilled workers. The CIC will also organise regular skill enhancement courses for ethnic minorities."

The Spokesperson added, since 2013, the CIC has regularly conducted the '*Construction Expenditure Forecast*' and '*Forecast of Manpower Situation of Skilled Construction Workers*' to provide reference to industry stakeholders. The CIC will review the training measures taking into account the data of the manpower forecast for skilled workers.

The 'Designated workers for designated skills' provision under the Construction Workers



Registration Ordinance is forecasted to take effect from 1 April 2017. This initiative aims to enhance the professionalism of the industry and helps promote the prosperous development of the industry.

The 'Construction Expenditure Forecast' is available at the CIC website:
http://www.cic.hk/common/Fore/Fore.aspx?lang=en-US&year=2016_17

The 'Forecast of Manpower Situation of Skilled Construction Workers' is available at the CIC website:
http://www.cic.hk/Forecast_SkilledWorkers_e

Brief Introduction of the Focus Group/Task Force

The CIC has formed a Focus Group on Projected Construction Expenditure and a Task Force on CIC Manpower Forecasting Model Updating and Enhancement Study. Both of the groups comprise members from contractor associations, trade unions, consultants, professional institutions and representatives from the HKSAR Government.

Objectives of the Construction Expenditure and Manpower Forecasts

The above two forecasts provide projections of the construction expenditure in the public and private sectors in the coming years as well as the demand and supply for skilled workers in the construction industry with a view to assisting industry stakeholders to make better planning and formulate manpower training policy.

About 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, to provide professional training and registration services, and to serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

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