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The Construction Industry Council Releases “Hong Kong Construction Industry Performance Report for 2012”

Hong Kong • 29 May 2014 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the “Hong Kong Construction Industry Performance Report for 2012”. The Report provides an overview of the performance of Hong Kong’s construction industry in terms of productivity, health and safety, manpower and dispute resolution from 2001 to 2012.

The contribution from the construction industry to Hong Kong’s GDP demonstrates a steady upward trend since 2008. The report identifies a generally decreasing trend of industrial accident rate / number over the last 12 years, but improvement in the fatal accident rate was not noticeable.

Introduction

This is a construction industry performance report prepared by the CIC. According to the Section 5(k) of the *Construction Industry Council Ordinance* (Cap. 587), the CIC has to assess improvements made by the construction industry through the compilation of performance indicators. The CIC thus developed a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) for the construction industry for such purpose.

Publication of Performance Report

In this Report, an overview of the performance of the Hong Kong construction industry in terms of KPIs on productivity, health and safety, manpower and dispute resolution over the last 12 years (2001 to 2012) is provided. The Report is available for download at the CIC website www.hkcic.org.



The main observations from these KPIs are highlighted as follows:-

Productivity

- *Increasing trends in the contribution from the construction industry to Hong Kong's GDP and gross value of construction works per capita were observed since 2008. These were largely due to the increase in the number of new projects in the public sector.*

Health and Safety

- *General decreasing trends in the industrial accident rate and number over the last 12 years were noticed while improvement in the fatal accident rate was not noticeable.*
- *A general trend of improvement in terms of summonses under the Factory and Industry Undertaking Ordinance and Occupational Safety & Health Ordinance was observed before 2011, followed by a rebound in all sectors in 2012.*

Manpower

- *In 2012, generally the median salary in the construction industry was close to the Hong Kong median salary.*
- *Less than one-third of the current registered workers are under the age of 40.*
- *There has been an improving trend since 2007 in the retention of graduates for the basic craft courses and construction supervisor / technician programmes provided by the Construction Industry Council.*

Dispute Resolution

- *The number of construction related court cases registered at the High Court Registry had been decreasing gradually from 2003 to 2009. A rebound happened in 2010, while the number decreased again in recent years.*
- *The number of arbitration cases in the construction industry handled by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre reached a peak in 2008, followed by a decreasing trend.*
- *The number of labour disputes in the construction industry handled by the Labour Department has been decreasing since 2003.*



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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 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 Government, provide training and registration for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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