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**Construction Industry Council Graduation Ceremony 2016
Welcomes 4,700 new talents to join the construction industry**

Hong Kong · 2 December 2016 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held the CIC Graduation Ceremony 2016 today at ZCB to congratulate and commend graduates for their hard work in completion of various courses and welcome them to the construction industry. The Ceremony also provided graduates an occasion to share their pride and happiness with family members and friends.

The Ceremony was officiated by Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development and Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) in the morning and afternoon sessions, respectively. About 600 people attended the Ceremony today, including graduates and their families, as well as guests from the construction industry.

For the training year 2015 / 2016, a total of about 4,700 trainees completed the training courses provided by the Construction Industry Council, including Construction Supervisor / Technician Programme, Basic Craft Courses, full-time Short Courses and various Cooperative Training Schemes. Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC said "The construction industry is a meaningful industry, which contributes to the prosperity of Hong Kong and the well-being of Hong Kong citizens." He encouraged the graduates to set goals and work hard to achieve them, and also to cultivate a mindset of continuous improvement and self-perfection.

Ir Allan CHAN, Chairperson of the Construction Industry Training Board of the CIC, in the closing remarks also encouraged the graduates to continue sharpening their skills and stepping up the career ladder. He also appealed to graduates to join the CIC's recently launched *Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme* and to contribute to the community by volunteering in their spare time.

At the Ceremony, Graduate Certificates, Best Trainee Awards and various prizes and scholarships contributed by industry stakeholders were presented to the graduates who had excelled in different trades, courses and overall personal development.



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(From left to right) Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Executive Director of the CIC; Ir Allan CHAN, Chairperson of Construction Industry Training Board of the CIC; Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development; Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC; and Ir Alex LEUNG, Director – Training and Development



Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development, delivering his speech in the morning session



Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, posed for a photo with the graduates



Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), presenting awards to graduates in the afternoon session



Graduates shared their pride and happiness with friends

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 Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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