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"Designated workers for designated skills" requirement under Construction Workers Registration Ordinance to be implemented tomorrow

Hong Kong • 31 March 2017 – The remaining phase of Prohibition under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) (CWRO), i.e. the part of “designated workers for designated skills” (DWDS), will be implemented tomorrow (April 1) in order to fully launch the construction workers registration system.



The Phase One Prohibition under the CWRO was implemented on September 1, 2007, allowing only registered construction workers (including registered general workers) to carry out construction works on construction sites. Starting tomorrow, the CWRO will further require contractors, construction workers and their employers to follow the DWDS requirement that except under specified conditions, skilled work on construction sites must be carried out by registered skilled workers or registered semi-skilled workers of the designated trade division.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held a launch ceremony for the implementation of the DWDS provision today (March 31). Officiating at the ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. HON Chi-keung, said, “The DWDS requirement can ensure the quality of registered workers and raise their professional status. Further, through the registration system, we can get more reliable data, which facilitate reviews of the existing manpower policies and training courses.”

Also officiating at the ceremony, the Chairman of the CIC, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, said, “During the last two years, the CIC has collaborated with labour unions to assist tens of thousands of senior workers to register as skilled workers, having regard to their relevant working experience via the one-off senior workers registration arrangement. For the industry, the CIC has organised briefing sessions, published instructions and the code of practice, and promoted and publicised the DWDS requirement through different media channels. The CIC has also devised a mobile app entitled ‘Quick Guide on DWDS’ to provide construction practitioners with fast and easy access to information related to the DWDS requirement.”

Related websites as below:

- CWRO: www.elegislation.gov.hk
- DWDS provision: www.cic.hk/eng/main/registration_services/cwro
- Guidelines on Arrangement of “Instruction and Supervision” and Code of Practice for Reasonable Measures of “Instruction and Supervision”:
http://www.cic.hk/cic_data/pdf/about_cic/publications/eng/guidelines/CIC_I%26S_Booklet_ENG_Finalr1.pdf
- TV Announcement in the Public Interest and other short videos on DWDS provision:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-lhSIRrdv0&index=2&list=PLaKbpj79EwEahyj-gnGE0Hz-IUCLvggli
- “Quick Guide on DWDS” mobile app:
Android version:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.cordova.myapp924a06>
iOS version:
<https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/%E5%B0%88%E5%B7%A5%E5%B0%88%E8%B2%AC%E8%B3%87%E8%A8%8A%E9%80%9A/id1207679164?l=en&mt=8>

	
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The Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. HON Chi-keung, officiated at the Launching Ceremony on Implementation of the “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Provision, held by the Construction Industry Council in Happy Valley today (March 31). Photo shows Mr. HON speaking at the ceremony.



The Chairman of the Construction Workers Registration Board, Mr. Paul CHONG (second left); the Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui (third left); the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr. HON Chi-keung (third right); and the Chairman of the Construction Industry Training Board, Mr. Allan CHAN (second right), officiate at the Launching Ceremony on Implementation of the “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Provision, held by the Construction Industry Council in Happy Valley today (March 31).

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.

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