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**Construction Industry Council Releases
'Construction Expenditure Forecast and Manpower Forecast'**

Hong Kong • 19 January 2018 — The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released the latest '*Construction Expenditure Forecast*', '*Skilled Construction Workers Forecast*' and '*Construction Site Supervisory Personnel, Technicians and Professional Forecast*'.

The CIC forecasted that in the coming five years, the overall construction expenditure in Hong Kong will be around HK\$250 to HK\$305 billion per annum, reflecting the strong demand of construction services. There will be a shortage of about 5,000 to 10,000 skilled workers in the construction industry. There will also be a general shortage in site supervisory personnel, technicians and professionals. 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, workers training and other relevant factors.

A Spokesperson for the CIC said, "Hong Kong is facing the challenges of ageing workforce and manpower shortage. The CIC has been collaborating with industry stakeholders on strengthening the training for relevant trades with labour shortage. It is anticipated that the Hong Kong Institute of Construction will be established in 2018 to nurture high-calibre labour force and to attract new blood to the industry."

The Spokesperson added, the CIC has established its "Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre" with the aims to drive the application of local and overseas advanced technologies in the industry. In addition, in order to promote the adoption of innovative technologies and construction methods, the CIC proactively advocates the adoption of Modular integrated Construction (MiC) and Building Information Modelling (BIM), so as to enhance construction productivity and cost-effectiveness. The Council will enhance the training for construction professionals, and to formulate relevant technical standards and guidelines.

The CIC will continue to liaise with the Government and various industry stakeholders to closely monitor the progress of construction projects and manpower situation, to review the effectiveness of various measures, and to enhance the competitiveness of the industry for its sustainable development.



The '**Construction Expenditure Forecast**' is available at the CIC website:
http://www.cic.hk/common/Fore/Fore.aspx?lang=en-US&year=2017_18

The '**Report of CIC Manpower Forecasting Model 2017 (Skilled Construction Workers)**' is available at the CIC website:
http://www.cic.hk/cic_data/files/CICMF_en_17w.pdf

The '**Report of CIC Manpower Forecasting Model 2017 (Site Supervisory Personnel, Technicians & Professional)**' is available at the CIC website:
http://www.cic.hk/cic_data/files/CICMF_SSPTP_17.pdf

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 three sets of 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, site supervisory personnel, technicians and professional in the construction industry with a view to assisting industry stakeholders to make better planning and formulate manpower training policy.

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.

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