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**The Construction Industry Keeps Robust and
Increase Training Allowance to Attract More New-entrants**

Hong Kong • 10 August 2012 –The Construction Industry Council Training Academy (CICTA) launched two technical training courses for youngsters - Basic Craft Course and Construction Supervisor/Technician Programme. Both of the courses are tuition-free with allowance. The CICTA also provides trainees with all-round career support services. Driven by projects such as infrastructure projects, railway expansion, building construction, urban renewal and maintenance, the construction industry continues to be prosperous and employers have strong demand for young professionals with specialized techniques and qualifications.

The Basic Craft Course aims at training construction craftsmen and the Construction Supervisor/Technician Programme aims at training young professional supervisors for the construction industry. In order to attract more new-entrants to join the construction industry and alleviate daily expenses of trainees, the training allowance of the two courses will be increased to HKD2,800 per month from September.

The Basic Craft Course is the combination of practical and theoretical mode of training, with comprehensive general skills included. After completing the training and passing the intermediate trade test, trainees may apply for the Registered Semi-skilled Worker for employment security. If trainees continue their further studies and accumulate experience, they can become a subcontractor to create their personal career. The Course is divided into nine practical trades, including Carpentry and Joinery; Marble Laying; Metal Works; Bricking, Plastering & Tiling and Construction Scaffolding Works, etc. The Course is designed for youngsters who have completed junior secondary education.

The Construction Supervisor/Technician Programme is suitable for HKDSE or HKAL holders. The training programme is sub-divided into four streams: Building Construction; Civil Engineering; Building Services and Quantity

Measurement. The mode of training is the combination of technical training for 18 months and on-the-job practice for another 6 months. Trainees will be recommended for admission to the IVE Higher Diploma Programme. If a trainee is selected to join the Contractors Sponsorship Scheme, he will receive a special sponsorship and offer priority employment. Detailed admission requirements can be browsed at CIC website: www.hkcic.org.

For previous HKCEE holders, they may consider the “Certificate in Civil Engineering Supervision Course” to be launched by the Academy in October. The Course is tuition-free, with a training allowance of about HKD4,300 per month. The mode of training combines technical training for 9 months with on-the-job practice for another 6 months. Trainees will receive career support services after graduation.

The above courses are now open for registration. Please visit www.hkcic.org for course contents or call 2100 9115 or 2100 9119.

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