

## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW



**Time flies and years passes by, I completed my six-year term as Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) at the beginning of 2022.**

I would like to thank my fellow CIC members and colleagues for walking alongside me, as well as the Development Bureau and various works departments for their support in progressing the construction industry in a number of areas.

In face of the social unrest in 2019 and the coronavirus pandemic that brought the global economy to a halt for more than two years, CIC has taken proactive measures to lead Hong Kong's construction industry in overcoming recent challenges and find ways to build a better future for Hong Kong.

Over the past few years, promoting the construction industry reform has been one of the top priorities of CIC. We have spared no effort to promote the application of the Modular Integrated Construction method (MiC). As of the end of 2021, there are more than 70 MiC projects that are completed or in progress in Hong Kong. MiC was adopted to build a number of anti-pandemic isolation facilities at breakneck speed to protect lives of the community which made a significant contribution to the fight against the pandemic in Hong Kong. To promote the benefits of MiC, including enhancement in productivity, efficiency, quality, safety and



environmental protection, CIC established Hong Kong's ascending position in the international MiC arena by organising a series of international seminars. Additionally, CIC collaborated with nine local tertiary institutions to incorporate Building Information Modelling (BIM) into their curricula and launched the Certification and Accreditation Schemes to promote the adoption of BIM in the industry. Due to travel limitations as a result of the pandemic, the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC) organized 65 digital technology-related webinars to explore appropriate innovative technologies and solutions for the industry.

After several years of hard work, a number of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction's (HKIC) programmes were successfully recognized as QF2, QF3 and QF4 in the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework, establishing a well-defined progression pathway for students and graduates to advance their education. Last year, CIC completed an enhancement project to upgrade its facilities and strengthen the training on digital technology as a way to nurture a new generation of construction practitioners with innovative minds and the ability to effectively use construction technology. At the end of 2021, HKIC signed a Memorandum of Intent with the Hong Kong Metropolitan University to enable graduates with appropriate qualifications to articulate to relevant degree programmes. Furthermore, the Approved Technical Talents Training Programmes and the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme launched in 2019, as well as the establishment of the Approved Employer List last year, have enhanced their relevant assessment systems. These programs have become extremely influential to the success of bolstering the construction industry's professional image.

Since 2017, the CIC has launched a number of sustainability initiatives, including the CIC Sustainable Construction Award, the CIC Green Product Certification, the CIC Carbon Assessment Tool and the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme launched in 2021. These initiatives were established

to encourage the Hong Kong construction industry to initiate more sustainable and green construction projects. Furthering these efforts, CIC also organised the first-ever CIC Construction Digitalisation Award in 2021 to recognise outstanding local projects and organisations that have adopted innovative digital technologies to improve construction productivity. For the first time, the CIC bestowed the Outstanding Contractor Award, which is also known as the Oscar of the construction industry, to recognise local contractors and their outstanding contribution to the industry and the community.

The Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP), established in late 2016, organizes series of sports competitions and volunteer activities for the industry. We are very pleased that many practitioners became CISVP members are passionate about sports or volunteering. Many construction companies have set up their own volunteer and sports teams to collaborate and enhance construction workers' quality of life, to build a caring culture within the industry.

The tougher the road, the sweeter the taste of success. The past six years would not have been possible without the collective efforts and hard work of all CIC members, committee members at all levels and all staff. I am confident that under the leadership of Ir Thomas Ho, the new Chairman of CIC, the Hong Kong construction industry will continue to strive for excellence as we build a dynamic and vibrant city that integrates sustainable development.

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(Retired since 31 January 2022)