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A New Publication of the Construction Industry Council “Summary Report on Review of Local Construction Standards”

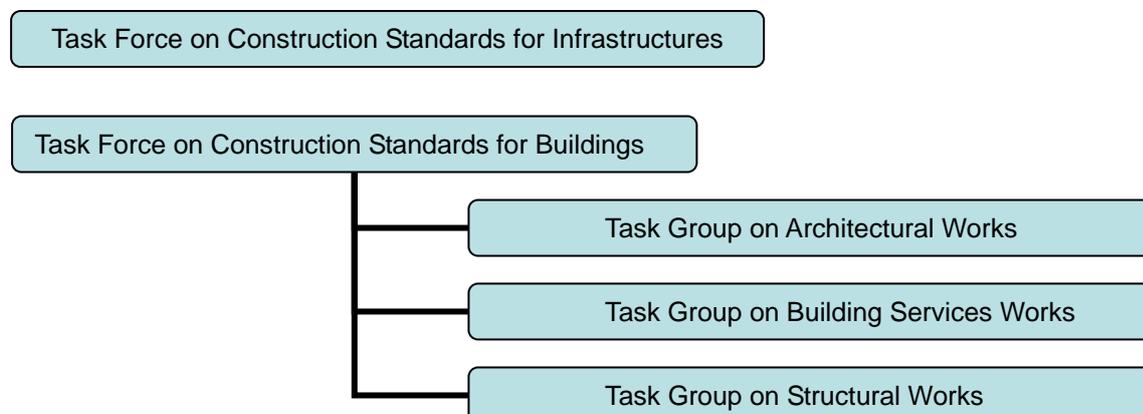
Hong Kong • 7 October 2010 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “Summary Report on Review of Local Construction Standard” (The Report). The Report summarises the main findings of a review conducted by the Committee on Environment and Technology of the CIC on the construction standards commonly adopted in Hong Kong.

Background

The Report of the Construction Industry Review Committee (the Tang Report) recommended a concerted effort to develop and apply construction standards in the industry. The following concerns have been raised in relation to the construction standards in Hong Kong:

1. whether there is a need of unification of construction standards;
2. the impact of the withdrawal of British Standards for structural design started in March 2010, and the readiness of the industry to adopt other standards as replacements; and
3. different project clients currently develop their own specifications without effective coordination.

The Task Forces and Task Groups as list below were established with a view to addressing the concerns stated above:



Publication of the Report

The consolidated findings of the individual Task Forces and Task Groups on the review of local construction standards are summarised in the Report.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. 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 CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, as well as provide a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters. CIC is also the sole financial backer of the Hong Kong Green Building Council.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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