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### **CIC Honours Outstanding Volunteers and Organisations at the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2019**

**Hong Kong • 14 July 2019** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) held the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2019 (Ceremony) at the Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters today. The officiating guests included Mrs. Cherry TSE, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Home Affairs Bureau, HKSAR and Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC. They also officiated at the launch ceremony of the Construction Caring Organisation scheme with other guests and beneficiaries.

The Construction Industry Sports and Volunteering Programme (CISVP) launched the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme (CIVAS) in 2017 with an aim to recognise contributions from construction practitioners to society and to cultivate a caring culture amongst them. 40 construction-related organisations, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, as well as 17 NGOs have participated in CIVAS this year. The Construction Caring Organisation scheme increases the public's awareness of the corporate social responsibility and good deeds of construction organisations.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC said, "Since the launch of CIVAS and with the ongoing efforts in the last two years, construction organisations have experienced the benefits of taking part in volunteer services. Many organisations have set up their own volunteer teams and put in additional resources and time. This has helped them improve the corporate image, as well as elevate team cohesiveness and quality of employees."

At the Ceremony, Mr. Alfred CHAN, Managing Director of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited delivered a keynote speech on "The Importance of Volunteering to Corporate Development". In the sharing session, recipient of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering (Gold) award, Mr. LEUNG Kwai-pui from Hong Kong Institute of Construction – Kwai Chung Campus, representative of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Project (Gold) award, Ms. Ginny TSUI from Drainage Services Department, representative of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration (Gold) award, Mr. CHAN Cheuk-keung from New World Construction Company Limited, and representatives from two beneficiaries, namely CNEC Kei Shek Church and The Evangelical Lutheran Church of HK, shared with the

audience their volunteering experiences. Guests also enjoyed very much The Warehouse Teenage Club band performance and a balloon-twisting activity led by a volunteer.

CIC has made July Lo Pan Service Month since 2017, to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan's spirit to benefit different sectors of society. Various volunteer services, including household repairs and moving service, guided tour for the minorities and Dementia Friends workshop, organised by the volunteer teams of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) and construction organisations, were held on the day of the Ceremony. CIC also organised the "Construction Blood Donation Day" at the HKIC campuses from 11 to 15 July.

CIC launched CISVP in 2016 to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities have been organised since its inception to promote a healthy lifestyle and caring culture amongst construction practitioners.

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Mrs. Cherry TSE, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Home Affairs Bureau, HKSAR (3<sup>rd</sup> right), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (3<sup>rd</sup> left) officiate at the launch ceremony of the Construction Caring Organisation scheme with other guests and beneficiaries



Award recipients and beneficiaries share their insights and experiences with the audience



Group photo

### **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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.

### **About CISVP**

The Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) was established in 2016 with the aim to encourage practitioners' participation in sports programmes and volunteering services. Over 100 activities, including Happy Run, Sports Day and Charity Fun Day, Table Tennis Competition, 5-a-side Football Fun Day and Construction Industry Council Turf Soccer League have been organised since its inception.

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