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**CIC Proposes to Exempt Construction Workers
Registration and Renewal Fee**

Hong Kong · 16 August 2019 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) welcomes that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government yesterday (15 August 2019) announced a series of measures to support the enterprises and residents. In order to relieve the burden of frontline construction workers, the CIC proposes the exemption of construction workers registration and renewal fee for a period of 12 months.

Chairman of the CIC Mr CHAN Ka-kui indicated that only about 30% of the total funding of infrastructure projects was approved in the year of 2018/19 by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council. There is also a downward trend on the daily attendance record of workers, reflecting that various challenges such as projects discontinuity and unemployment of workers being faced by the construction industry, and thus raising worries over the industry outlook.

To this end, the CIC Members propose to waive the construction workers registration and renewal fee. The measure, which costs about HK\$10 million, is expected to benefit 120,000 construction workers. The proposal has been submitted to the government and it is anticipated that the measure could be implemented in the fourth quarter this year.

In general, the registration and renewal fee of construction workers are HK\$100 for a validity of 5 years. Workers can apply the renewal of their registration 6 months before the expiry of the registration cards.

For details of the construction workers registration, please visit the website of CIC Registration Services at http://www.cic.hk/chi/main/registration_services/.

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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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