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Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2021
“We Do What We Can”
Nearly 100,000 Volunteering Service Hours Was Recorded

Hong Kong • 18 July 2021 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today held the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2021 (Ceremony) at CIC-Zero Carbon Park (CIC-ZCP). To mark this important occasion, Mr. Ricky LAU, Director of Civil Engineering and Development of the HKSAR Government, Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC, and Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) Committee of the CIC officiated at the Ceremony.

The CISVP has launched the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Scheme (CIVAS) in 2017 with an aim to recognise contributions from construction practitioners to the community so as to instil a caring culture amongst them. This year, 61 construction-related organisations and 10 NGOs, including government departments, developers, contractors, sub-contractors, labour unions and industry volunteer groups, have participated in the CIVAS, contributing nearly 100,000 service hours by 15,376 volunteers (man-time).

To further encourage companies to actively participate in CISVP activities and organise sports and volunteering programmes for their employees, the CIC sets up a new “Annual CISVP Corporate Award for Activeness” Scheme this year. Officiating guests were invited to kick off the Scheme at the Ceremony and introduce its assessment criteria. The award is categorised into two groups, namely “SME” group (for companies with less than 50 employees in Hong Kong) and “Entrepreneur” group (for companies with more than 50 employees in Hong Kong). Each category will have a Gold, a Silver, a Bronze and meritorious prizes.

Mr. Ricky LAU, Director of Civil Engineering and Development, said that in the past year, construction industry practitioners have overcome various challenges posed by the pandemic to organise volunteering services and support others in adversity. The industry contribution of 100,000 hours of volunteer services is exceptional, which has fully demonstrated the spirit of mutual assistance and the solidarity of construction industry in the difficult times.

Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of CISVP Committee of the CIC, said, “The CISVP commits to promote a healthy and caring culture in the industry since its establishment. The Ceremony today is the fruit of the concerted efforts of industry organisations and practitioners in the past year. It is hoped that we will continue our social service involvement and spread love and care to every corner of the city.”



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Recipients of the Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration (Gold, Silver and Bronze) awards were then invited to share their experience in coordinating volunteering services. After the Ceremony, in collaboration with Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, a mobile blood donation vehicle was arranged inside the CIC-ZCP for blood donation. Several exhibition boards were also set up to showcase outstanding performances of awardees and awarded projects from now until August.

This year, the CIC has made May to August the “Lo Pan Service Month”, aiming to encourage industry practitioners to manifest Lo Pan’s spirit. The three highlights of “Lo Pan Service Month”, namely Blood Donation Days, Coastal Clean-Up and Lo Pan Rice Distribution, received overwhelming support from industry stakeholders and NGOs. A highlight video was played at the Ceremony and attendees were moved by the selflessness of industry volunteers.

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Mr. Ricky LAU, Director of Civil Engineering and Development officiates the Ceremony



Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme (CISVP) Committee of the CIC, expresses gratitude to the industry for their contribution in volunteer work



Guests officiate the launch ceremony of “Annual CISVP Corporate Award for Activeness” Scheme: Mr. Ricky LAU, Director of Civil Engineering and Development (middle), Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of the CIC (3rd left), and Ir Dr. Derrick PANG, Chairperson of CISVP Committee of the CIC (3rd right), Mr. Alan YAN (1st left), Mr. TSANG Ting-fat (2nd right), Mr. Cyril SO (1st right), CISVP Committee Members, and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (2nd left)



Representatives from the construction industry and the NGOs share their experience



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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.

Please visit 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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