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A Moment of Silence Across the Construction Industry **Aiming to Raise Safety Awareness**

Hong Kong · 10 June 2022 – The construction industry held a moment of silence together today in response to Construction Industry Council (CIC)'s invitation. Six fatal accidents were recorded since the beginning of 2022, so the Silent Tribute event was held to mourn the deceased and remind workers of safety risks.

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC and Ir Michael FONG, Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department joined the Silent Tribute event with frontline workers in Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel Construction Site. Ir Michael Fong said safety awareness must be promoted because the six accidents took away six precious lives and at the same time wounded six families, he said, "Construction safety is always my top priority. Life First is not just a slogan, it should be a mentality led by management and empowers frontline workers to halt the operation and report to management once hazardous conditions arise."

Ir Thomas HO said safety is the prerequisite condition of every role and that everyone shares the responsibility of construction safety, so clients, consultants, main contractors, sub-contractors and frontline workers should all join the Silent Tribute event. He said, "Some may take the chance and think their experience allows them to ignore safety guideline. We must always say no to danger and tragedies."

The Hong Kong Institute of Construction holds regular Silent Tribute events and the industry is also suggested to hold Silent Tribute events to mourn the deceased and use it as an opportunity to analyze causes of accidents with frontline workers and remind everyone at construction sites the importance of safety, to protect themselves and their families. The CIC encourages project management staff to be proactive in caring for workers' safety while frontline workers should protect themselves and say no to danger together.

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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (Front: 5th Right) and Ir Michael FONG, Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department (Front: 5th Left), the management staffs of consultant and contractors joined the Silent Tribute event with frontline workers in Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel Construction



Frontline workers and management staff of Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel Construction Site held a moment of silence to mourn the deceased.



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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC reminds workers to avoid taking chances and tragedies.



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Ir Michael FONG, Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department encourages frontline workers to halt the operation and raise their concern to management if unsafe condition arises.



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Silent Tribute events were held across the industry to promote safety awareness.

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Causes of accidents are analysed during Silent Tribute events to raise safety awareness

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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.