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CIC Leads the Industry to Embrace The "Spirit of President Xi Jinping's Important Speech"

Hong Kong • 11 July 2022 – Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the construction industry leaders representing the engineering, architectural, surveying, planning and landscape sectors attended a seminar earlier this month to obtain a deeper understanding of how the "Spirit of President Xi Jinping's Important Speech" delivered on 1 July 2022 should be implemented. During the occasion, they also discussed how to capitalise on the advantages of Hong Kong and contribute to the country by seizing the pivotal opportunities that the 14th Five-Year Plan, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) and the Belt and Road Initiative will bring forward.

At the seminar, Ir Thomas HO addressed the content from President Xi's important speech as he mentioned that with the staunch support from the motherland and its global outlook, the construction industry of Hong Kong has been thriving on the stable supply of abundant materials and machineries from the mainland China. Ir Thomas HO said, "There are undoubtedly a lot of young talents in the mainland China and Hong Kong. The CIC is setting up a service centre in Guangzhou to provide a broadened platform for the industry practitioners in the Greater Bay Area to facilitate their supply chain development and exchange on latest technologies, a synergetic effort to build a strong foundation for the Hong Kong industry professionals to bring in their positive energy and unleash their creativity as they develop their businesses in the Greater Bay Area."

Apart from contractors, major professional bodies and trade unions of the industry such as Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), The Association of Hong Kong Professionals, Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association, Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association, HKCA Young Members Society, Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation and the Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union, etc, all support President Xi's aspirations for Hong Kong. The principle of "one country, two systems" facilitates the collaboration between Hong Kong and the mainland China, such as in terms of the exchange on innovative technologies, while Hong

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Kong remains as the bridge between the Greater China and the rest of the world. The CIC is committed to spearhead the industry efforts in supporting the government to expedite land and housing development by advocating the adoption of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) and Building Information Modelling (BIM), and encourage for a better working environment to reduce construction time and enhance productivity. With an improved living environment and diverse business opportunities, the industry strives for creating a better Hong Kong, in response to President Xi's address of Hong Kong's livelihood concerns at his speech.

President Xi also reminded us to care for the youth. The construction industry is always keen to attract new blood, and the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) will continue to spare no efforts in improving the job prospects and locating more employment opportunities to nurture the young generation. The CIC will consider the suggestions gathered from the industry to organise courses on national affairs, arrange exchange tours in the Mainland China and send representatives to participate in nationwide competitions, so as to foster the young industry professionals' understanding of our country.

The CIC has constantly been forging consensus between the government and the industry. With the concerted efforts among the industry, the CIC strives for fulfilling President Xi's agenda for the construction industry, and will implement the principle of "one country, two systems" to the full. The industry is ready to showcase Hong Kong's top-notched infrastructural projects to the world via the adoption of novel technologies, embrace the city's distinctive status, and support the governance of the HKSAR Government, aspiring to build a better Hong Kong and give back to the country.

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Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC (2nd right) attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the Sixth-term Government of the HKSAR, and took a photo with Ar. Winnie HO, Secretary for Housing (middle), Ir LAM Sai-hung, Secretary for Transport and Logistics (2nd left) as well as Ir Dr. Hon LO Wai-kwok (1st left) and Ir CHAN Siu-hung (1st right), members of the Legislative Council

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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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