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The CIC Highly Concerned about the Tower Crane Incident
Urgent Review to be Carried out across Industry

Hong Kong • 7 September 2022 - The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is deeply concerned and saddened by the fatal industrial incidents that happened this morning and within this year. The CIC expresses its deepest condolences to the families of the deceased workers at a temporary works area on Anderson Road Quarry Site and wishes the injured a speedy recovery. The CIC urges the construction industry to urgently review their sites' safety operation, especially the reinforcement of safety culture, and protecting workers' lives should take priority over anything in construction.

The CIC has been actively promoting safety culture across the industry. For the past two decades, the number of construction accidents (per 1,000 workers) has dropped from 116 cases annually to 26 cases. However, one single work accident is far too many. The CIC believes that a new safety culture should be developed so as to further minimise the accident rate. To further enhance safety performance, the adoption of Design for Safety and the introduction of innovative construction technologies are necessary in order to improve safety monitoring in sites, and to strengthen professional safety consciousness. The CIC encourages the industry to employ the concept of Safe and Smart Construction Site. With the use of AI Cam and IoT sensors, the Central Command Centre would be able to deploy on-screen real-time monitoring of the construction progress and alarm will be triggered whenever workers enter a "danger zone". At the same time, the site can utilise the Worker Management System in which Smart Helmet and Smart Tag can show real-time tracking of workers' positions to provide timely and suitable support.

The CIC again urges the industry to enhance the safety awareness of the frontline construction site personnel, make good use of technology to elevate construction safety, consolidate safety management culture and change the mindset. Everyone should nurture a safety community in the industry that cares for all and construct a new construction site safety culture.

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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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