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Construction Industry Council Welcomes 2022 Policy Address

Hong Kong • 19 October 2022 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) welcomes the 2022 Policy Address. The CIC will lead the industry in enhancing construction productivity to support the Government's efficiency and quantity boosting measures to increase land and housing supply and promotes infrastructure projects, with the hopes to improve people's livelihood, create a greater sense of well-being, and support the sustainable economic and social development of Hong Kong.

The CIC has been actively promoting digital transformation and the application of innovative technologies such as Modular Integrated Construction method (MiC) and Multi-trade Integrated Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MiMEP) in recent years and has fostered the speedy completion of several pioneer projects. The CIC welcomes the Government's new initiatives in establishing a cross-departmental steering committee for coordinating the development of high productivity construction methods such as MiC and the streamlining of related approval processes to remove barriers for the industry. The CIC will make every effort to gather industry's concerted efforts to strengthen the leading regional position of Hong Kong's construction industry in the adoption of MiC, in order to speed up the housing supply process to meet public needs.

The CIC is delighted that the Government has taken the CIC's and industry's suggestions to make available land in the Northern Metropolis for manufacturing and storage of modules, which would further uplift the efficiency of MiC as the Hong Kong Housing Authority's public housing projects will gradually adopt the Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) and MiC approach. As the new Light Public Housing will also employ MiC and the standardised simple design, it will help the grassroots to get on the housing ladders earlier.

Construction digitalisation will continue to gain popularity in the industry. The Policy Address announces that a roadmap will be devised next year on the industry's use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in preparing building plans for submission to departments for approval. It will help to transform and upgrade the construction industry and contributes to the development of the smart city.

The 2022 Policy Address outlines the development plans of infrastructures such as the "Northern Metropolis Development Strategy", the "Lantau Tomorrow Vision" and different transport infrastructures among other large and small projects. The total construction output is expected to reach HK\$300 billion. The CIC will render full support to the infrastructural development and utilise the \$1 billion funding from the Government this year. The Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) will continue to train up new blood and raise the technological level of the industry. The CIC will continue to work with the Development Bureau and various industry stakeholders to promote the industry's contribution to community development, elevate professional image and offer opportunities to attract new blood to join the industry.

The CIC emphasises that construction safety is always our top priority. We actively supports the Government's promotion of Smart Site for Safety and Design for Safety, and encourages the industry to adopt technology and other corresponding measures to prevent accidents from happening from the beginning.

The CIC will hold a "2022 Policy Address Webinar" on 31st of October, inviting construction experts and professionals to share their views on how to support "Construction Industry 2.0" by improving efficiency, quality, quantity and livability. Guests will share how innovation, professionalisation and revitalisation help to enhance professional development of the construction industry for the benefit of the society. In addition, the CIC will co-organise the "Construction Safety Summit" in November 2022 with the Development Bureau to build a new innovative culture of safety. The "Construction Innovation Expo 2022" will be launched in December 2022, to bring together advanced construction technology from around the world, allowing the industry to grasp the opportunities for high-tech development and explore more business opportunities, and in turns, drive the development of the local economy. With the support of the measures outlined in the Policy Address, the construction industry will speed up our transformation and fulfill our duties to bring happiness to the public, and to contribute to the development of Hong Kong.

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About Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007. 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 CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provides professional training and registration service, as well as provide a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

For more information about Construction Industry Council, welcome to www.cic.hk.