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<u>Construction Industry Council Releases Report on</u> <u>"Improving Time, Cost, and Quality Performance of the</u> <u>Hong Kong Construction Industry"</u>

Hong Kong • 17 November 2022 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) launched a press conference for the launch of the report on "Improving Time, Cost and Quality Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry" to provide recommendations to the industry to uplift the industry's competitive strength to cope with the golden decade ahead.

Hong Kong ranks ninth in the construction cost index. The construction cost in Hong Kong was expected to be pushed up further in 2022. Given the above, the CIC engaged a consultancy firm to draw up a recommendation report by collecting industry feedbacks and making references to overseas successful cases. To set out 13 strategies in 4 focus areas on High Productivity Construction, Streamline Approval Process, Drive Adoption of Innovative Technologies and Enhance Project Management & Procurement.

Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of CIC said, "The construction volume of Hong Kong's construction industry will reach 300 billion dollars per year and the demand for housing in Hong Kong will reach 430,000. Improvement in productivity and safety is the top priority of the industry. The consultancy report identified 13 strategies based on the industry's demands. The CIC has developed an implementation plan and will work closely with the government and industry to enhance speed, efficiency, quantity and quality. "

Ar. Simon WONG, Chairperson of the Joint Working Group on MiC said, "The CIC will continue to support the industry to adopt Modular Integration Construction (MiC) and Multi-trade Integrated MEP (MiMEP) by organizing MiC Master Class to enrich the knowledge of industry professional and to raise the industry's acceptance and adoption of MiC and MiMEP by changing industry's mindset."

Ir Rocky POON, Chairperson of the Committee of Construction Business Development mentioned, "The CIC believes that if the approval processes could be streamlined, the construction time can be shortened, enhance speed efficiency and increase production volume. CIC will encourage the Government to review and expedite the efficiency of the Construction Industry Council

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approval processes."

Ar. Donald CHOI, Chairperson of the Board of Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre shared that the CIC will establish a construction innovation platform to accelerate the adoption of innovation and technology and promote the wider adoption of innovative technology.

Prof. Jack CHENG, Member of Committee of Building Information Modeling point out that the CIC will continue to drive the digital transformation and develop the Integrated Digital Submission and Approval Process to facilitate and simplify the approval processes by encouraging and facilitating submissions generated from BIM models, developing automated design and as-built checking tools for accelerated approval, adopting a full Einspection system and extending spatial data requirements to the private sector.

The report on "Improving Time, Cost, and Quality Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry" can be downloaded from CIC Website: https://www.cic.hk/eng/main/aboutcic/publications/reference_materials/





Construction Industry Council (CIC) releases report on "Improving Time, Cost and Quality Performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry". Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC (3rd left), Ar. Simon WONG, Chairperson of the Joint Working Group on Modular Integration Construction (3rd right), Ir Rocky POON, Chairperson of the Committee of Construction Business Development (2nd left), Ar. Donald CHOI, Chairperson of the Board of Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (1st right) and Prof. Jack CHENG, Member of Committee of Building Information Modeling (2nd right) at the press conference.





Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC shares that the consultancy report identified 13 strategies based on the industry's demand for improvements in productivity and safety and the CIC will develop an implementation plan.



Ar. Simon WONG, Chairperson of the Joint Working Group on MiC says the CIC will continue to support the industry to accept and adopt Modular Integration Construction (MiC) and Multi-trade Integrated MEP (MiMEP).

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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.

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