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The Construction Industry Council Supports the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work" Issued by the Labour Department

Hong Kong • 19 May 2023 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) applauds the Labour Department (LD) for issuing the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work", safeguarding the health and safety of construction site personnel. The CIC values the importance of providing a safe and healthy working environment for all workers in the construction industry.

The existing "Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather" issued by the CIC sets out good practices and various measures for the industry, reducing the risk towards site personnel working in hot weather. The CIC appreciates that LD has further stressed on these measures in their new Guidance Notes. The CIC's commitment to the safety and well-being of construction workers is unwavering, and we will continue to work closely with LD and other industry bodies to ensure that all workers are protected from the dangers of extreme heat.

In previous years, the CIC has observed practical heat reduction measures being implemented at various construction sites. We believe that contractors must prioritise the health and safety of workers during hot weather by providing suitable measures to prevent heat stroke.

The CIC will continue to monitor the site practices on safeguarding workers' health and we again appeal for contractors' attention on the new measures. We support LD's initiatives and will collaborate with industry stakeholders to ensure the highest standards of safety in the construction industry.

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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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