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**Opening of Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong
Boosts Connection for Development of Construction Industry in the
Greater Bay Area**

Guangzhou • 24 July 2023 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today organised an Opening Ceremony in Guangzhou for the Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong (Representative Office). The Representative Office will assist the Hong Kong construction industry to establish business connections, explore business opportunities and hence build a comprehensive construction supply chain in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) in the future.

The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Mr. CAI Ying, Level 1 Inspector of the Guangdong Provincial Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (DHURDGD), Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of the Development Bureau (DEVB) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr. YE Shuiqiu, Deputy Director of the Department of Educational Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (LOCPG), Mr. LIANG Hao, Representative of the Technology and Industrialization Development Center of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Ir Thomas HO and Ir Albert CHENG, Chairman and Executive Director of the CIC. They were joined by representatives from the LOCPG, DHURDGD, DEVB, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Construction Association, Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association at the ceremony to celebrate the official opening of the Representative Office.

Ir Thomas HO said, "The CIC is grateful for the assistance provided by the Guangdong Provincial Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Technology and Industrialization Development Center of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, the Development Bureau of HKSAR and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council that enabled the CIC to overcome challenges during the pandemic and establish the Representative Office."

Mr. CAI Ying also encouraged the construction industry to grasp the opportunity of the opening of the Representative Office to encourage collaboration on high quality development riding the rapid development of Modular Integrated Construction and Northern Metropolis to build a better future together. He also highlighted the importance of embracing challenges in connecting the construction management standards.

Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong is located at Guangdong International Building in Guangzhou's Yue Xiu District. It is the first non-local, non-governmental organisation (NGO) representative office established in Guangdong Province by a Hong Kong statutory body, and also the first non-local NGO representative office with the DHURDGD as the competent unit.

The Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong will strive to promote exchanges and cooperation between the Hong Kong construction industry and relevant enterprises and institutions in the GBA, optimise the supply chain of Modular Integrated Construction components, and encourage collaboration between the Mainland and Hong Kong on the training of construction workers. The CIC will further promote the integration of Hong Kong construction industry into the GBA and the overall development of the country.



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Mr. CAI Ying, Level 1 Inspector of the Guangdong Provincial Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (5th left), Ir Ricky LAU Chun-kit, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of the Development Bureau of HKSAR (4th right), Mr. YE Shuiqiu, Deputy Director of the Department of Educational Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (4th left), Mr. LIANG Hao, Representative of the Technology and Industrialization Development Center of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (3rd right), Ir Thomas HO (5th right) and Ir Albert CHENG (3rd left), Chairman and Executive Director of the CIC, Mr. Ivan FU, Chairman of CIC-Greater Bay Area Task Force (2nd left), Mr. Peter WONG, Regional Director of Southern China of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (1st left), Sr Eddie LAM, President of Hong Kong Construction Association (2nd right) and Mr. PUN Ka-keung, President of The Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association (1st right) attend the opening ceremony of the Representatives Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong



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Guests from various government departments and institutions celebrate the opening of Representative Office of CIC (HK) in Guangdong

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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.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.

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