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**Two CIC Competitors Received Medallions for Excellence  
The 47th WorldSkills Competition Successfully Concluded**

**Hong Kong • 16 September 2024** – The 47th WorldSkills Competition was successfully concluded on 15 September 2024 in Lyon, France. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) sent seven representatives to participate, including CHAN Chun-hei and TSANG Hei-lam for Concrete Construction Work, FONG Chun-yin for Joinery, WU Yunfan for Painting and Decorating, CHAN Chun-ting for Plumbing and Heating, DAI Ka-chun Stephen for Wall and Floor Tiling, and CHOW Lok-yin for Welding.

The competitors demonstrated their hard training in the four-day competition, winning two Medallions for Excellence. The awardees are CHOW Lok-yin (Welding), and FONG Chun-yin (Joinery), together achieving the best result that the CIC has ever had in the WorldSkills Competition. Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, congratulated the award-winning competitors and also encouraged the other representatives after the competition, reminding them to always strive for excellence, improve their weaknesses, and lead the next generation to achieve new heights.

Mrs. LO LEE Oi-lin, Chairperson of Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) Management Board shared the joy of the competitors with the experts and trainers in Lyon. "I am very touched by the outstanding performance and perseverance of the competitors. Compared to results, the satisfaction gained during the competition is the most important. I wish all the competitors a bright future, to find their own direction and to move towards their goals." Mrs. LO said.

CHOW Lok-yin was thrilled to learn that he won the Medallion for Excellence in Welding. He was grateful for the support and recognition from his company, as well as the guidance and care from his expert and trainer. He also said that participating in the WorldSkills Competition allowed him to become more mature in life. This is the second consecutive year that a representative from the CIC received the Medallion for Excellence in this trade. Master CHUNG Kai-man, the expert in Welding, said Lok-yin worked hard and practised diligently, and he deserves appreciation for his outstanding performance during the competition.

FONG Chun-yin, the competitor in Joinery, wept with joy when he learnt that his hard work had paid off. He thanked the expert and the trainer for their company and encouragement. He said it was an unforgettable experience to represent Hong Kong to compete in an international competition, and he learnt to persevere even when mistakes were made. Winning Hong Kong's first award in Joinery event, Master LAM Kwok-leung recognised that Chun-yin's high level of endurance and his ability to cope with stress and pressure had brought out the best in him.



Our Hong Kong representatives competed with other competitors from all over the world during the four-day competition, learning different skills and broadened their horizons. Despite the obstacles encountered during the competition, they were grateful to the experts and trainers for the encouragement and performance analysis each day. They also thanked the teammates for supporting each other and striving for excellence together. Regardless of the result, they have won the support of the public and should be proud of their performance.

This year's competition featured a total of 62 events, where competitors were required to complete different tasks within time limit, which challenged their physical strength, problem solving skills and mindset. The outstanding performance of the competitors reflects the international standards of Hong Kong construction industry, enhancing the industry's image of professionalism, as well as exchanging the innovative techniques to benefit the industry.

The WorldSkills Competition, hailed as the "Skills Olympics, has been held every two years since 1950. This year, over 1,000 young talents aged 22 or below from over 70 countries and regions joined the competition. The 48th WorldSkills Competition will be held in Shanghai in September 2026.



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CIC competitors achieve outstanding performance. CHOW Lok-yin (Left) and FONG Chun-yin (Right) won the Medallion for Excellence in Welding and Joinery respectively.



The Construction Industry Council (CIC) sent seven representatives to participate, (from Left) DAI Ka-chun Stephen for Wall and Floor Tiling, WU Yunfan for Painting and Decorating, CHAN Chun-ting for Plumbing and Heating, CHAN Chun-hei and TSANG Hei-lam for Concrete Construction Work, FONG Chun-yin for Joinery and CHOW Lok-yin for Welding





Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC, thank the Experts and Trainers for the guidance for the competitors. He also encouraged all competitors to always strive for excellence, improve their weaknesses, and lead the next generation to achieve new heights.



Dr. CHOI Yuk Lin (left), Secretary for Education met our Hong Kong Representatives



FONG Chun-yin, the competitor of Joinery





CHOW Lok-yin, the competitor of Welding





The 47th WorldSkills Competition was successfully concluded on the evening of 15 September 2024 in Lyon, France.

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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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