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# The CIC Welcomes the 2025 Policy Address Accelerating Infrastructure Development to Strengthen Hong Kong's Competitiveness

Hong Kong • 17 September 2025 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) welcomes the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2025 (Policy Address), which presents various measures to accelerate infrastructure construction and promote industry development. The CIC will fully support and align with the development direction of the Policy Address, including accelerating the development of the Northern Metropolis, the Loop, San Tin, and transportation infrastructure projects. These serve as the engines for the future growth of Hong Kong, which will further consolidate Hong Kong's competitiveness, driving economic development, and improving people's livelihood.

Considering that the original estimate for the average annual capital works expenditure in the coming five years was about HK\$120 billion, the Government will earmark an additional HK\$30 billion in the next two to three years to increase expenditure on works projects driving sustained economic development, to support the local construction industry. Embracing a new mind-set, the Government will build land reserve, release industrial land in urban areas and explore the use of newly developed land to take forward urban renewal. The Policy Address also mentions streamlining statutory procedures and administrative processes, including the work of the Building Technology Research Institute and Development Bureau's efforts in conducting central procurement on a trial basis, while the Housing Bureau will also pilot the batch procurement of integrated modules of MiC method and has already adopted the self-developed Building Information Modelling (BIM)-enabled Systematic Approach to Foundation Design, which automatically generates designs to further reduce costs. The CIC believes these measures will help accelerate progress, improve efficiency, and lower construction costs.

The CIC will continue to support the Government's measures in promoting innovative technologies, encouraging the industry to strengthen the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and construction robotics, and to consolidate related workforce training to support industry development and drive industry upgrading and transformation. The

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CIC also showcase a self-developed Large Language Model (LLM) related to safety at our newly established "Centre for Future Construction" to promote Al applications to the industry. Further, the Policy Address also mentions on construction safety. The CIC will lead the industry to align with the Government's policies, including the amendment to the Buildings Ordinance next year and strengthening safety training.

Looking ahead, the CIC will continue to support the construction industry to leverage its strength by integrating with the overall national development plan, including market expansion and deepening cooperation and exchanges within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and internationally. The CIC will also support local professional organisations to promote green building assessment tools for use in Belt and Road countries, assist the industry in implementing green building practices, and advance the development of the new energy industry.

Additionally, the CIC and its Hong Kong Institute of Construction will continue to support the STEAM education outlined in the Policy Address by further enriching the STEAM education platform dedicated to construction disciplines with more construction-related examples, thereby complementing the Government's digital education strategies, and telling the good stories of the construction industry.

To help the industry to explore new business opportunities, the CIC will hold its triennial flagship event, Construction Innovation Expo 2025, from 11 to 13 December. The event will gather international experts and talents to showcase advanced construction technologies. The CIC and the construction industry will, as always, take the mission of building Hong Kong to heart, leveraging its role as a super-connector and international infrastructure hub to contribute comprehensively to Hong Kong and the country.

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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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