

PRESS STATEMENT

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Uphold Construction Standards Say No to Black Sheep

Hong Kong • 12 December 2025 – While unethical business practices by individual construction operators must be eradicated, however, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) emphasises that such black sheep in no way represents the prevailing standards of industry practitioners.

Hong Kong's infrastructure development relies on the dedicated contributions of frontline workers and professionals over the years. Their efforts and professional dignity must not be undermined.

The CIC stresses that the construction industry can only accommodate practitioners who are both honest and professional, and cannot tolerate black sheep damaging the sector's reputation through unscrupulous practices.

In response to public concerns regarding Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition (RMAA) works, as well as anxieties arising from the recent fire incident in Tai Po, the CIC's Committee on Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition will conduct a comprehensive review and enhancement of industry conduct standards, strengthen safety and professional training, and mandate immediate adoption of relevant systems such as the use of registered specialist trade contractors for private works. This aims to elevate professional standards across six key areas – safety, management, job experience, execution, finance and integrity management – thereby fostering a cohort of reliable and responsible contractors.

Keeping pace with the times, the CIC has introduced technology to assist in project monitoring. The CIC will shortly announce an enhanced product suite of the Smart Site Safety System (4S), specifically designed for the RMAA sector, to encourage the industry to leverage technology for improved site safety and transparency.

These concrete and ongoing reform measures stand as tangible evidence of our commitment to progress. The CIC will continue to unite the industry, leveraging system reviews, training, and technology to build a safer and integrity-driven construction environment.

In the face of current challenges, society must stand as one. The industry will deepen its reforms, while we also hope the public will adopt an impartial view and leverage our collective expertise to address the systematic gaps. Only then can we turn a new page and move forward.

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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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