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Outstanding Students Awarded Scholarships for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers

Hong Kong • 8 October 2016 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today presented the Scholarships for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers (Scholarships) and congratulated 25 scholarship award winners on their academic excellence and achievement in the 2016 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination.

The Scholarships are offered to immediate family members and young people under the guardianship of registered construction workers to commend students for their outstanding academic performance and to give recognition to construction workers who have contributed to the development of Hong Kong while nurturing the next generation of talent. From the establishment of the Scholarships in 2011 to the current year, CIC has awarded scholarships to 95 local students with an approximate value of HK\$720,000.

Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC and Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairperson of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB), jointly officiated the awards presentation ceremony at ZCB, Hong Kong's first zero carbon building established by the CIC, and presented the awards to winners of the "Open Category" and "Construction Related Curricula Category". Mr. CHAN Ka-kui was delighted to know that applications have reached a new record high, with the total number of applicants increasing by 53% this year. The Scholarships are proving to be increasingly popular in the construction industry community. In the closing remarks, Mr. Paul CHONG said "The 'Construction Related Curricula Category' was added to the Scholarships with an aim to encourage more young people to join and become the future talent in the robust construction industry. I am delighted to see a number of the award winners have chosen construction-related disciplines, such as architecture and surveying, with the intention of pursuing a career in the construction industry. The industry looks forward to seeing the contributions made by these new talents in a few years' time."

A list of 25 scholarship award winners can be found in the Annex 1.



Photos of the presentation ceremony will be uploaded to the CIC website and its Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/CICHK</u>

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 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 Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

Please visit <u>www.cic.hk</u> for further details.

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Mr. CHAN Ka-kui, Chairman of CIC (7th left, last row), Mr. Paul CHONG, Chairperson of CWRB (8th left, last row), and CWRB Members posed for a photo with the scholarship award winners and their family members