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### CIC Innovation Award 2015 Grand Launch Ceremony

**Hong Kong · 16 April 2015** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is pleased to announce that CIC Innovation Award 2015 is launched today. More than 150 eminent professionals from across the construction industry, as well as distinguished academia from both the Mainland China and the Hong Kong SAR have attended the Ceremony.

The CIC Innovation Award is launched this year to spearhead development of new concepts to enable continuous enhancements in the construction industry in the Hong Kong SAR, the Mainland China and overseas. It also aims to recognise new creations by academia and industry practitioners in Hong Kong, as well as to arouse international awareness of Hong Kong's achievements in innovation and technology especially within the construction industry.

In his opening remarks, Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC, stated that “The construction industry is one that strives for continuous improvement and drives towards excellence. While innovation can help us build more with less input, the integration of innovation and technologies not only change the way we build, but also improves safety, efficiency and sustainability for our environment.”

Ir Kevin POOLE, Panel Chair of the CIC Innovation Award 2015 cum Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Innovation and Technology, CIC, said, “The industry has long been generating innovative ideas for different causes, and we'll need some of our experts to transform their ideas for the field of construction. For our Award, the categories are materials, technology and management. Entries will have to fall into one of these three categories.”

Prof. Christopher LEUNG, Panel Vice-Chair of the CIC Innovation Award 2015 cum Chairman of the Committee on Productivity and Research, CIC supplemented, “The submission projects must be new, innovative and show impacts on the industry. These two elements are the most important evaluation criteria. Assessment will be based on feasibility and application in real situation.”

The CIC has a vision to see more innovative ideas to be applied in the construction industry and welcomes application from all different aspects from today onward. Deadline for submission is 1 September 2015. For more information on the CIC Innovation Award 2015, please visit [www.hkcic.org/cicinnovationaward2015](http://www.hkcic.org/cicinnovationaward2015).



From left to right: Ir Julian LEE, Manager - Research of the CIC, Ir Christopher TO, Executive Director of the CIC, Ir Kevin POOLE, Panel Chair of the CIC Innovation Award 2015 cum Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Innovation and Technology of the CIC, Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC, Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development, Prof. Christopher LEUNG, Panel Vice-Chair of the CIC Innovation Award 2015 cum Chairman of the Committee on Productivity and Research of the CIC, and Ir HON Chi-keung, Permanent Secretary (Works) of the Development Bureau

### **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.

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