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**Turning Waste into Treasure: Being Environmental Friendly Can Be Stylish**

*Seven Groups of Design Students Recognised for Innovation in Promoting Low-carbon Living at ZCB's "Upcycling Design Competition" Award Ceremony*

**Hong Kong, 9 November, 2013** – The Construction Industry Council and Zero Carbon Building today announced the winners of the inaugural “Upcycling Design Competition” and their award-winning designs. Seven pieces of home decorations and furniture created by 14 students divided into teams were selected as outstanding designs by the panel of judges. These 14 students - from the Hong Kong Design Institute, Hong Kong Community College, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and Hong Kong Art School - were evaluated on their creativity and innovation in promoting low-carbon living through their innovative designs. The competition received a total of 16 entries from 34 students at nine design institutes.

“We are happy to have received so many high-quality and innovative designs which were made from aged or unwanted materials. By turning waste into treasure, designers have reminded us that upcycling design is not only eco-friendly and economical, but can also be stylish and of good quality,” said Mr. Yu Wai Wai, Chairman of Zero Carbon Building.

“Upcycling design is a new trend that promotes a low-carbon lifestyle through innovative designs. We are excited to see that this trend is being embraced by an increasing number of designers in Hong Kong,” said Mr. Christopher To, Executive Director of Construction Industry Council. “We believe that by encouraging more emerging designers to get involved in the upcycling design industry, we can raise awareness on environmental protection yet further, and inspire the public to live a low-carbon lifestyle,” To added.

Mr. Lam Sai Chiu, a student from the Hong Kong Design Institute, won the top prize for his “Water Bottle Light”, a home decoration that turns plastic water bottles with LED light bulbs into a luxurious–yet-chic chandelier. In the second place are Mr. Yik Wing Chun and Mr. Yeh Man Lan from Hong Kong Community College, who designed a chair with wheatgrass by upcycling materials including PVC pipes from abandoned guideboards, banner bases, banner foam, abandoned lattice and dust screen; the second runner-up is Ms. Wong Hin Wai from Hong Kong Community College, whose multi-function design utilizes four large-size plastic bottles, a garbage can lid, an old speaker and an aged lamp. In addition, six students were awarded merit prizes, and two students were named winners of the People’s Choice Award.

All design entries will be displayed at ZCB’s area for public’s viewing.

**Winners and their award-winning designs:**

- Champion: Mr Lam Sai Chiu, from Hong Kong Design Institute (*design product: Water Bottle Light 水樽燈*)
- First runner-up: Mr Yik Wing Chun and Mr Yeh Man Ian, from Hong Kong Community College (*design product: Chair not for people*)
- Second runner-up: Ms Wong Hin Wai, from Hong Kong Community College (*design product: Green Line*)
- Merit Prize I: Ms Chan Ka Hei, Ms Tang Yee Ni and Ms Shieh Yuen Kiu, from Hong Kong Community College (*design product: 冰. 末*)
- Merit Prize II: Ms Li Wing Yee, from the Hong Kong Design Institute (*design product: Globecat Upcycling Light*)
- Merit Prize III: Mr Lo Chun Yuen and Ms Lam Choi Ching, from Hong Kong Polytechnic University (*design product: LighTable*)
- People's Choice Award: Ms Wan Lok Yi, Ms Lau Tsz Yan, Ms Ma Ching Lam and Mr Leung Yuk Lun, from Hong Kong Community College and Hong Kong Art School (*design product: 最後一口氣*)



Winners and Award Presenters at ZCB's "Upcycling Design Competition" Award Ceremony



Photo from left to right: Champion Mr. Lam Sai Chiu with Mr. Lawrence Ng, Chairman of Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association



Photo from left to right: First runner-up Mr Yeh Man Ian and Mr Yik Wing Chun with Mr. Lawrence Ng, Chairman of Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association



Photo from left to right: Second runner-up Ms Wong Hin Wai with Mr. Lawrence Ng, Chairman of Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association

### **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 [www.hkcic.org](http://www.hkcic.org) for further details.

### **About ZCB**

Developed by the CIC in collaboration with the Hong Kong Government, ZCB is Hong Kong's first zero carbon building. It aims to showcase the state-of-the-art eco-building design and technologies to the construction industry locally and internationally and to raise the community's awareness of low carbon living. It serves as a platform for the construction industry to share knowledge and expertise in low carbon building design and technologies, and provides the public with a greenery leisure space for enjoyment. Guided tours of ZCB can be booked online. For further information, please visit <http://zcb.hkcic.org>.

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