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Construction Industry Council Announces Grand Opening of ZCB, Hong Kong's First Zero Carbon Building

Hong Kong · 26 June 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today announced the grand opening of ZCB, Hong Kong's first zero carbon building, at Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay. The opening ceremony was attended today by Mr. John TSANG, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Carrie LAM, Secretary for Development, together with around 200 guests from government departments, industry stakeholders, professional institutions, community bodies and other organisations.

ZCB is developed by CIC in partnership with the Government. It is a signature project to showcase the state-of-the-art eco-building design and technologies locally and internationally. The project will, on the one hand, serve as a platform for the construction industry to share knowledge and expertise in low carbon building design and technologies, and on the other hand, help to raise community awareness of sustainable living.

“At CIC, we are committed to promoting green and sustainable construction and good practices in the industry,” said Mr. LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC, “ZCB is a pioneer and inspiring project, not only for the construction industry, but for Hong Kong in general. I believe the ZCB, as Hong Kong's first zero carbon building, will become a model and inspire more and more zero or low carbon buildings in Hong Kong.”

Designed to achieve carbon neutrality, ZCB utilises solar panels and biodiesel made of waste cooking oil to generate renewable energy onsite. It has a total area of 14,700 square meters. Its key components include indoor and outdoor exhibition spaces, a multi-purpose hall, an eco-office, an eco-home, as well as outdoor landscape areas with Hong Kong's first urban native woodland.

“We are very proud to be able to work with leading local and international experts on this project, without whom, this meaningful project would not have been possible. I would like to thank our project task force and consulting team for their dedication and hard work to make the concept a reality,” said Mr. YU Wai-wai, Chairman of the CIC Task Force on ZCB.

The ZCB targets to attract over 40,000 visitors a year and welcomes visits upon prior appointment.

For more information about the ZCB, please visit <http://zcb.hkcic.org>.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007. 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 CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, as well as provide a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction- related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website www.hkcic.org for further details.

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