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Inaugural Zero Carbon Building Conference and “ZCB Bamboo Pavilion” to Promote Decarbonisation

Hong Kong · 15 October 2015 – The Construction Industry Council and the Zero Carbon Building today co-organised the Inaugural Zero Carbon Building Conference at the ZCB to bring world-renowned experts on combating climate change with smarter and greener buildings to Hong Kong. On the same day, the Zero Carbon Building also opened the “ZCB Bamboo Pavilion”, a modern design temporary structure with traditional bamboo scaffolding techniques that serves as a venue for events.

The “ZCB Bamboo Pavilion”, designed by local students, is now open to the public, and it plays an important role in the Zero Carbon Building’s mission to raise environmental awareness and create change towards a low carbon built environment and a low carbon lifestyle. Mr. WONG Kam-sing, Secretary for the Environment; Ms. Christine LOH, Under Secretary for the Environment; Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council; and Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Zero Carbon Building, officiated the Grand Opening Ceremony.

The Inaugural Zero Carbon Building Conference, whose theme was “Decarbonising High-rise Buildings in Sub-tropical and High Density Cities,” discussed the technology, design, policy, economy, and human behaviour affecting the reduction of urban building’s greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, buildings in Hong Kong account for 90% of electricity consumption and 60% of greenhouse gas emissions. As Hong Kong’s subtropical climate poses another challenge for implementing carbon reduction strategies, dialogues between local professionals and international experts contribute to finding viable solutions for a sustainable future, thus meeting emission-reduction targets. Prominent policymakers from the HKSAR Government, including Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development, Mr. WONG Kam-sing, Secretary for the Environment, and Ms. Christine LOH, Under Secretary for the Environment, were among the speakers in the conference.

I am particularly delighted with the coming together of design, technology, and tradition in the building of this pavilion,” said Chairman LEE, and “hope both students and community members will get inspired by this artefact made entirely of bamboo, which is one of the most sustainable construction materials available to us.” Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Zero Carbon Building added, “ZCB shows that modern buildings and mother nature can coexist harmoniously, and also convenes expertise and enables knowledge transfer, for which we are able to achieve today at the conference.”



Mr. WONG Kam-sing, Secretary for the Environment, delivering a keynote speech at the Grand Opening Ceremony of “ZCB Bamboo Pavilion”



From Left: Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Zero Carbon Building; Ms. Christine LOH, Under Secretary for the Environment; Mr. WONG Kam-sing, Secretary for the Environment; Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council; and Dr. Christopher TO, Executive Director of the Construction Industry Council



Mr. Paul CHAN, Secretary for Development, delivering a speech at the Luncheon



Ir LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, delivering welcome remarks at the Conference



Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Zero Carbon Building, delivering the closing remarks

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 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 for further details.

About ZCB

Developed by the CIC in collaboration with the HKSAR Government, ZCB is Hong Kong's first zero carbon building managed by Zero Carbon Building, a charitable company established by the CIC. 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 zero / 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.

Please visit <http://zcb.hkcic.org> for further details.

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