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Hong Kong's First Zero Carbon Building Now Open to Public

CIC ZCB Aims to Promote Sustainable Development and Low Carbon Living in Hong Kong

Hong Kong ·17 December 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announced today that ZCB, Hong Kong's first zero carbon building, will officially be open on Saturday, 5 January 2013. To celebrate the Christmas holiday, ZCB will be open to the public free of charge from 11:00am to 1:00pm and from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on 22-23, 25-26, and 29-30 December 2012 exclusively, providing the community with a preview opportunity to experience the state-of-the-art eco-building design and low carbon living. Special Christmas performances and a series of fun, educational and family-friendly workshops will be held in the outdoor landscape area on 22-23 December.

From Saturday, 5 January 2013 onwards, there will be three guided tour sessions a day, including timeslots from 10:00am to 11:30am, 2:00pm to 3:30pm and 4:00pm to 5:30pm, each accommodating a maximum of 50 visitors. Ticket prices for the guided tour are HK\$20 for adults and HK\$10 for students. Concessionary tickets are offered at HK\$5 to senior citizens aged 60 or above and to the disabled. The opening hours of the outdoor area are from 7:00am to 8:00pm and entry to the outdoor landscape area is free of charge.

ZCB is developed by the CIC in collaboration with the Hong Kong Government. It is located at 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, and has a total area of 14,700 square meters. ZCB is a signature project to showcase the state-of-the-art eco-building design and technologies locally and internationally. Designed to achieve carbon neutrality, ZCB utilizes solar panels and biofuel made of waste cooking oil to generate renewable energy onsite.

“At the CIC, we are always 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 pioneering and inspiring project. We believe it will not only serve as a platform for the construction industry to share

knowledge and expertise in low carbon building design and technologies, but also help to raise community awareness of sustainable living.”

Starting from tomorrow, the public can book online from <http://zcb.hkcic.org> the future guided tours which will commence on 5 January 2013.

ZCB provides a multi-purpose hall with an area of approximately 2,500 square feet for rent, which is an ideal venue for businesses to experience meetings, forums and corporate functions in a zero carbon environment. In addition, there are indoor and outdoor temporary exhibition spaces for businesses and organisations to display their green, low carbon and energy efficient technologies and products.

CIC is rolling out a ZCB Ambassador Scheme targeting students and relevant professional communities and is honoured to have Mr. Paul Chan Mo-po, Secretary for Development, as the Commander of the ZCB Ambassadors. Under his leadership, ZCB Ambassadors would take the necessary training, help to conduct guided ZCB tours and spread the ZCB messages to the community with a view to raising community’s awareness of sustainable living.

“With ZCB now opening to the public, we believe that it will positively impact our community towards sustainable development and low carbon living,” said Mr. YU Wai-wai, Chairman of ZCB.

For more details about ZCB guided tours and Christmas Open Days, 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, and 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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