# Brief on the Works of Construction Industry Council for the Amendments to the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance

The construction industry generally supports the implementation of the second phase of the prohibition.

Since its amalgamation with the then Construction Workers Registration Authority on 1 January 2013, Construction Industry Council (the Council) has been keeping close contact with the government and different organisations in the construction industry and has started a series of preparatory works in relation to the corresponding changes to the workers registration and the daily operations associated with the Amendments, which are briefly described below:

# Arrangement on Senior Workers Registration

The Council has formed the Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment with representatives from various sectors of the construction industry, including trade unions and employers, to explore the effective arrangement for the registration of qualified senior workers as skilled workers of the relevant trades, after the enactment of the amendments to the Ordinance.

The Council will arrange a concise assessment to verify the skill level of the senior worker, who does not have enough working experience as required by the Ordinance. The worker who passes the assessment is eligible to register as a skilled worker.

#### Exempted Works under the Remaining Phase of Prohibition

The Council is working with the industry stakeholders on the Code of Practise for the following exempted works, with a view to coming up with a concise and clear approach to meet the requirement of the Ordinance:

- "Emergency Construction Work"
- Work under "Instruction and Supervision"
- "Small Scale Construction Work"

## Revamp of the Construction Workers Registration System

To tie in with the implementation of the amendments to the Ordinance, the Council has established a task force, to design a new workers registration system for:

- collecting the workers attendance record more quickly and accurately

- allowing the workers to check their attendance record easily
- alleviating the workload of contractors in handling and submitting workers' attendance records

## Promotion of the amendments to the Ordinance

The Council is establishing a task force to co-ordinate the promotion and to assist the industry. It aims to ensure the industry personnel having a good comprehension of the amendments as well as letting the industry stakeholders, particularly workers, employers and contractors, prepare sufficiently before the second phase of the prohibition effective, so as to have a smooth implementation.