

Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme recognises exemplary construction safety performance (with photos)

The 30th Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme Award Presentation Ceremony, the finale of Construction Safety Week 2024 co-organised by the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the Construction Industry Council (CIC), was held today (August 30) to commend construction contractors, site supervising teams, project leaders, frontline supervisors and workers with outstanding safety performance.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Ricky Lau, said that a record high of 417 construction sites participated in the Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme this year, reflecting the great importance attached to site safety by the industry.

Mr Lau called on the industry to cultivate good site safety culture and strengthen safety awareness. All site staff should fulfill their responsibilities, play their roles and work together in ensuring a safe working environment for all.

He also encouraged industry stakeholders to proactively utilise innovative technologies to enhance site safety management, continue to support the installation of the Smart Site Safety System (4S) and participate in the 4S Labelling Scheme launched by the DEVB and the CIC in May this year. A total of 500 construction sites are expected to be issued with labels within this year, and nearly 150 construction sites have been issued with labels up till now. Furthermore, based on the arrangement of offering subsidies under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) for private works projects to adopt 4S, the applicant's eligibility for the CITF will be extended to local mobile plant and tower crane rental companies from September this year, with a view to expediting wider adoption of the 4S in the industry by subsidising them in the first place. Application details are available on the CITF's website (www.citf.cic.hk) for reference.

Also officiating at the ceremony, the Chairman of the CIC, Mr Thomas Ho, stressed the vital role played by every member of project teams in site safety and the aim to build a site safety culture together. He encouraged the industry to proactively adopt the 4S to further enhance site safety standards and safety culture in the construction industry.

Awards were presented to a total of 66 construction sites and 19 frontline staff (including best model workers, model frontline supervisors, model subcontractor frontline supervisors and model project leaders) this year and the list of awardees of the Scheme is available on the website

of Construction Safety Week (www.safetyweek.hk).

