

Construction Safety Week 2021 promotes safe and smart sites (with photos)

Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2021, jointly organised by the Development Bureau and the Construction Industry Council (CIC), is being held from today (August 2) to August 6. Under the main theme "Safety x Smart Site", a series of events will be held including the Construction Safety Week Conference, visits to construction sites with exemplary safety performance and the award presentation ceremony of the 27th Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme.

Speaking at the kick-off ceremony, the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, said that innovation and technology is an important driving force for the development of the construction industry, and the Government has been actively promoting its application. He appealed to the industry to fully utilise the benefits of innovation and technology to raise construction safety, with a view to creating a safer and more healthy working environment.

The Chairman of the CIC, Mr Chan Ka-kui, pointed out that the industrialisation of the construction industry would change the culture of the industry, reduce on-site construction processes and help overcome the challenges of construction safety. The theme of this year's CSW, "Safety x Smart Site", is in line with the developments of the industrialisation of the industry, allowing industry members to share their experience.

The Construction Safety Week Conference was held right after the kick-off ceremony. Local experts spoke with the audience about emerging technologies, the application of smart safety devices, and good practice regarding site safety improvement. A mini-exhibition on smart safety devices was also held at the venue. The conference attracted over 2 500 practitioners locally and outside Hong Kong to participate at the venue and via web broadcasting.

Launched in 2012, CSW aims to promote a zero-accident site environment and a caring environment in the construction industry. The campaign has received support from various sectors of the community including professional groups, organisations, trade associations and labour unions. Details of this year's CSW are available at www.safetyweek.hk.

