

# Establishment of Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund

The Government announced today (September 7) the establishment of the Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) to advise the Government on the effective utilisation of the CITF to upgrade the performance of Hong Kong's construction industry.

The 2018-19 Budget has set aside \$1 billion for the establishment of the CITF to boost the capacities of enterprises and practitioners in the construction industry to adopt new technology, and support the industry to harness innovative technology.

"Hong Kong's construction industry is facing the challenges of a shortage of labour and an aging workforce. The newly established CITF seeks to promote wider adoption of innovative construction methods and technology to enhance productivity, construction quality, site safety and environmental performance through automation, industrialisation and digitisation. It will also help drive the transformation of the local construction industry, thereby enhancing its capability to meet our continuous strong demand for construction services. The Steering Committee will maintain close contact with industry stakeholders to ensure that the CITF can effectively promote innovation," the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, said.

Members of the Steering Committee are appointed by the Secretary for Development for a term of two years, from September 7, 2018 to September 6, 2020. The Steering Committee will also invite representatives from relevant bureaux and departments to attend meetings on a needs basis.

Membership of the Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund is as follows:

Chairperson

——-

Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

Members

——-

Mr Chan Chi-chiu

Mr Antonio Chan Chi-ming

Mr Victor Cheung Chi-kong

Mr Cheung Man-tim

Mr Edwin Chung Kwok-fai

Mr Wes Jones

Professor Christopher Leung Kin-ying

Mr Jeff Tung Jing-kong

Mr Billy Wong Kin-yee

Mr Franklin Yu

Executive Director, Construction Industry Council

Director of Buildings

Deputy Director of Housing (Development and Construction)