

First Modular Integrated Construction pilot project commences (with photos)

A ground-breaking ceremony for the Disciplined Services Quarters for the Fire Services Department at Pak Shing Kok, Tseung Kwan O was held today (September 24). As the first pilot project to adopt Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), the quarters will provide 648 units for married disciplined services staff.

The construction of the Disciplined Services Quarters for the Fire Services Department at Pak Shing Kok echoes the Government's initiative to adopt advanced technology and innovative construction methods to enhance productivity and cost-effectiveness, as introduced in last year's Policy Address. The Architectural Services Department and the main contractor of the project will adopt MiC and the concept of "factory assembly followed by on-site installation", in which most of the labour-intensive and time-consuming processes can be accomplished in an off-site prefabrication yard with a view to enhancing productivity by minimising the duration of work and demand for construction workers. MiC will also enhance on-site safety and quality control of projects, as well as reducing adverse impacts on the environment.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Hon Chi-keung, said the Government aims to promote the application of new technology and innovative construction methods and lead by example through public projects. He expressed the hope that through the adoption of MiC in this Fire Services Department project, the confidence of the industry in the new construction method will be further strengthened.

Other officiating guests at the ground-breaking ceremony were the Director of Fire Services, Mr Li Kin-yat; the Director of Architectural Services, Mrs Sylvia Lam; and the Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Mr Chan Ka-kui.

