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Modular Integrated Construction Performance Measurement

Guidebook

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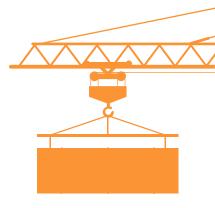
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Foreword

It is well recognised that industrialisation can help to improve performance of the construction industry in many areas, including safety, environment, quality, time and cost. Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) is the most advanced form of construction industrialisation. Its application is particularly suitable in Hong Kong where our labour cost is high and labour resource is scared.

The Construction Industry Council supports the Government's commitment, as announced in the 2018 Policy Address that it will adopt MiC technology in government funded projects wherever feasible.

I command the Centre for Innovation in Construction and Infrastructure Development (CICID) of The University of Hong Kong for making an effort to compile the MiC Performance Measurement Guidebook, at a time when several pilot MiC projects are being completed in Hong Kong.

The construction industry will benefit for being able to compare systematically the performance in the social, environmental and economic aspects of these pilot projects, against those built by conventional methods. The exercise will provide evidence-based statistics for future improvements.

I am confident that through joint effort of the industry, academia and government, MiC will bring the Hong Kong construction industry to a new height.

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Preface

The construction industries in several developed economies face significant challenges such as labour shortages, an ageing workforce and cost escalation. These challenges hamper the improvement of productivity and sustainability in the construction industry and the built environment. The modular construction approach has been widely adopted worldwide to address these challenges and enhance productivity and sustainability.

In Hong Kong, a new concept 'Modular Integrated Construction (MiC)' was based on collaboration between the Centre for Innovation in Construction and Infrastructure Development (CICID) of The University of Hong Kong and the Development Bureau (DEVB) of the HKSAR Government. MiC builds on the modular construction approach but emphasises the integration of advanced manufacturing and production technologies into reengineered building and construction processes. Modularisation carried out with the MiC approach offers a promising opportunity to unleash productive forces, shape production relationships and enhance construction productivity, quality, safety and sustainability.

The concept of MiC was adopted in the Policy Address 2017 of the HKSAR Government as a means for construction innovation. The Policy Address 2018 further promoted the wide adoption of MiC in Hong Kong, and a number of MiC pilot projects have been initiated. Because MiC disrupts the project delivery process compared with conventional construction practices, it is important to systematically understand the performance of projects that adopt MiC. There is thus a need to develop an MiC performance measurement guidebook for project stakeholders to comprehensively measure and effectively benchmark the social, environmental and economic performance of MiC projects to facilitate the wide adoption of modular construction.

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