

## **Background Information of the Construction Charity Fund**

The construction industry is committed to raising the public's awareness of industrial safety. Statistics have shown that the number of industrial accidents in the construction industry has been declining in recent years. With the high-risk nature of construction activities, however, accidents could not be totally eliminated.

To show our concern and recognition for colleagues who suffered injuries or died in fatal industrial accidents, the construction industry has joined hands to organize a compassionate charity fund named the "Construction Charity Fund" (the Fund) to initially provide immediate financial assistance and condolences to families of workers who died in construction related accidents.

The Construction Charity Fund was co-founded by Legislative Councillor the Hon Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP, Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors (HKFEMC), Hong Kong Construction Sub-Contractors Association (HKCSA) and Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union (HKCIEGU). Since it started operating on 1 October 2009, the Fund has given out HK\$23,855,000 to 260 families as condolence payments as at 10 May 2017. The Fund was formally launched on 26 February 2010, officiated by Mrs Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS, JP, Past Secretary for Development.

In addition to financial support, the Fund has a social worker to provide follow up and counseling service to individual family members of the deceased. The Fund would also refer the families to other charitable organisations, as appropriate, to apply for education subsidy for their school-age children. By doing so, we hope to help the affected families to get back to a normal life as quickly as possible.

We encourage you to support the Fund by making a donation. Your love and care will go a long way towards helping victims' families in need. Please send the donation cheque payable to "Construction Charity Fund" to the HKCA Secretariat, address: 3/F, 180-182, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

On behalf of the Fund, I look forward to receive your support!

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