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BEAM Society Limited Welcomes the Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address

Hong Kong, 18 October 2024 – BEAM Society Limited (BSL) warmly welcomes the Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address, released on 16 October 2024. BSL reaffirms its dedication to supporting both the Central Government and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in achieving their respective carbon neutrality goals. BSL is committed to collaborating with all stakeholders to foster a greener and more sustainable built environment in Hong Kong.

In particular, BSL is willing and able to contribute in the following initiatives:

1. Advocate Elderly-friendly Design

BSL commends the Government's initiative to promote elderly-friendly building design, which aims to foster a caring and inclusive environment. BEAM Plus has already incorporated elderly-friendly facilities into its assessment framework. To further encourage the adoption of such designs, BSL is prepared to incorporate enhanced elderly-friendly building design in our BEAM Plus standards or establish an additional specific standard to support the Government's policy. This approach would guide and induce the industry to implement more designs that enhance the quality of life for elderly residents, while also promoting a more sustainable built environment.

2. Enhance the Green Finance Ecosystem

BSL strongly supports the Government's efforts to enhance Hong Kong's green finance ecosystem. BSL considers the launch of the Sustainable Finance Action Agenda a significant step forward in this domain, likely to create stronger market incentives and unlock additional resources for both the development of new green buildings and the sustainable transformation of existing structures. Notably, BSL commits to assisting the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in aligning local standards, including the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Hong Kong Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance (which currently incorporates BEAM Plus), with the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Standards.

3. Facilitate R&D and Application of Construction Technologies

BSL applauds that the Government is set to introduce a Modular Integrated Construction Manufacturer Certification Scheme with mainland China to boost construction efficiency, update building standards to include international and Chinese guidelines, and promote MiC 2.0 technology and construction robotics for safer, more environmentally friendly, and efficient public housing projects.



BSL advocates that the GBA Construction Standards will make reference to the BEAM Plus Global Version Assessment Manual to promote green building practices. Innovations and Additions is a key evaluation criterion in BEAM Plus, supporting the creation of a smart green environment and advancing the objective of achieving net zero emissions.

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About BEAM Society Limited (BSL)

BEAM Society Limited (BSL) is an independent, non-profit membership organisation established in 2010. BSL is also recognised as a tax-exempt charitable organisation of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap 112) and as a public body under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap 201) since 2016.

BEAM Society was established in 1996, which was later incorporated in 2010 as BEAM Society Limited. Being the developer and owner of the Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM), BSL is committed to administering and developing the BEAM Plus Assessment Tools. We offer impartial assessment on building sustainability and build capacity by providing training for BEAM practitioners – BEAM Professionals (BEAM Pro) and BEAM Affiliates. To get more information about BSL, please visit <https://www.beamsociety.org.hk>.