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## CNERC Grand Opening Ceremony

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On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Hong Kong Branch of Chinese National Engineering Research Centre was launched through a grand opening ceremony presided by the Ministry of National Science and Technology, and the Innovation and Technology Bureau of the Government of Hong Kong SAR.



It is reported that the annual steel production of China reached 822.7 mmt, accounting for 50.3 % of world production in 2014. Hence, Hong Kong has a huge advantage because of an abundant supply of quality structural steelwork nearby. More importantly, many new steel products including high strength and high performance steel materials are available in the market, and it is essential to enable our practicing engineers to apply these advanced steel materials effectively. The Hong Kong Branch is working closely with the Hong Kong Construction Industry by providing technical guides with engineering research grounds to promote the recent achievements of Chinese Iron and Steel Industry.

Through collaborating with the counterparts in China,

- the Hong Kong Construction Industry will develop into the Infrastructure Engineering Design Centre, and
- the China Steel Construction Industry will develop into the Infrastructure Engineering Construction Centre, both for infrastructure projects in Asia and beyond.

Hence, Hong Kong constructional professionals will not only have direct access to the multi-billion international steel construction markets, but be ready to export their services on infrastructure projects to many parts of the world.

This project is considered to be highly beneficial to the future development of the Hong Kong Construction Industry.