

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 002/18 of the Construction Industry Council for 2018 was held on Friday, 27 April 2018 at 2:00pm at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

Present	:	CHAN Ka-kui	(KKCh)	Chairman
		CHAN Chi-chiu	(CCC)	
		CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
		CHAN Pat-kan	(CPK)	
		Allan CHAN Sau-kit	(SKC)	
		CHOW Luen-kiu	(LKC)	
		CHUNG Kwok-fai	(CKFi)	
		Ivan FU Chin-shing	(FI)	
		Alex KWAN King-fai	(KFK)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWLi)	
		Stephen LAI Yuk-fai	(SLI)	
		Robert LAM Ping-hong	(PHL)	
		Kenneth MO Kon-fei	(KM)	
		PAN Shu-jie	(PSJ)	
		Derrick PANG Yat-bond	(DP)	
		Jason WONG Chi-chung	(JaW)	
		Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWhW)	
		Ringo YU Shek-man	(RiYu)	
		YU Sai-yen	(SYYu)	
		HON Chi-keung	(HCK)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) for Director of Buildings Housing Department
	Clarice YU Po-mei	(YPM)		
	WONG Mung-wan	(MWW)		
In Attendance	:	Dominic CHOW	(DCW)	Development Bureau
		Lambert CHOW	(WKCw)	Housing Department
		Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
		Alex LEUNG	(AL)	Director – Collaboration & Trade Testing
		Francis WONG	(FW)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director - HR, Facilities Management & Admin
		LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services
		Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Amy FUNG (AyF) Manager – Corporate Secretariat
Ellen FUNG (EnF) Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies : Rocky POON Lock-kee (LKP)
WONG Sze-chun (SCW)
Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan (EWYL)
CHEUNG Tin-cheung (TnC) Director of Buildings
Connie YEUNG (CYG) for Permanent Secretary for
Kwong-yim Transport and Housing (Housing)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:05 pm.]

**2.28 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/18 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 1st meeting of 2018 held on Friday, 9 February 2018 at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

**2.29 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Open-door Session)**

Nil.

**2.30 1st and 2nd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for
2018**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/18 and Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/18.

SKC highlighted the following major items as set out in Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/18:

- Item 2.3 – The training hours of certain Skill Enhancement Courses under the Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme (ACMTS) would be extended from 15 hours to 22.5 hours; and the trades of “Bricklaying & Plastering” and “Bricklaying & Tiling” under the Structured On-the-job Training of ACMTS would be separated into three individual trades, namely “Bricklaying”, “Tiling” and “Plastering”.
- Item 2.4 – Registered general workers who possessed at least 6 months’ relevant work experience and recommended by employers with documentary proof of work experience were eligible to undergo a shorter period of initial training under the Construction Tradesman Collaborative Training Scheme (CTS) (except course for crane operator). The arrangement would be reviewed after implementation for one year.
- Item 2.6 – It was approved to add the trades of “Excavator Operator”, “Wheeled Telescopic Mobile Crane Operator” and

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“Bulldozer & Loader Operator” in CTS. The Secretariat would liaise with the Labour Department and Environmental Protection Department to explore ways to conduct training on Sundays/public holidays and to explore feasibility for more types of plant operation training on site.

- Item 2.7 – It was noted that the retention rates after graduation for 3-month and 6-month of full-time courses in 2017 were 77% and 74% respectively, which were 10% lower than the corresponding figures recorded in 2016. The Chairman said that it was important to explore the reason(s) for the decline in retention rates and to find ways to tackle the problem(s).
- Item 2.9 – It was suggested to conduct a mid-term review and adjust training quota with reference to the waiting time of adult full-time short courses. Besides, Trade Testing Centre was requested to set up a “Stand-by System” for trade tests as soon as possible.

CWLi asked if the CIC would consider organising a training course for high pressure welders to meet the market demand and avoid the importation of overseas workers. In response to CWLi’s inquiry, CTN said that the CIC could consider to offer relevant training through the Construction Tradesman Collaborative Training Scheme with which on-site skill training would be offered by the contractor at workplace. DCW supplemented that DEVB and CIC were discussing with the contractor and employer concerned about the arrangement of collaborative training for high pressure welders. Proposal of the said collaborative training would be submitted to the CITB for approval by circulation once ready.

CITB

The Chairman invited Ir Dr. Francis WONG to report to Members the result of on-site assessment conducted on 26 April 2018 by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) for the first selected course curriculum applying for accreditation. Ir Dr. WONG informed Members that the initial feedback from HKCAAVQ was very positive (i.e. “approved without condition”). The HKCAAVQ was impressed by the team spirit of the HKIC colleagues and the strong support from the construction industry stakeholders, as well as the administrative and financial support offered by the CIC.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/18.

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2.31 1st Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2018

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/18.

OYL highlighted the major items of the last meeting as follows:

- Item 1.4.1 – The “Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment” would be renamed as “Subcommittee on Senior Workers and Information Technology System”. Its terms of reference would be expanded to monitor the implementation of the Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS) and to make recommendations for sustainably enhancing knowledge and skills of registered construction workers.
- Item 1.4.2 – From 1 April 2018, CIC adopted the original enforcement strategy to issue warning letter directly for non-compliance case of “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” (DWDS) requirement. The offender might be prosecuted if the non-compliance case was not rectified within the specified period.
- Item 1.4.3 – Networking luncheons hosted by the Executive Director were arranged with the Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association, the Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association and Contractor’s Authorised Signatory Association. Tailor-made DWDS seminar cum CITAC tour was arranged for each organization after the luncheons.
- Item 1.4.5 – From 1 April to 31 December 2017, 888 construction sites subject to the DWDS requirement were inspected and 42 advisory letters were issued to 25 sites that violated the DWDS requirement.

Members had no comments on other items stated in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/18.

2.32 Any Other Business

2.32.1 The Chairman invited CTN to brief Members on the forthcoming major events of the CIC. Major events summarised as

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follows:

- The “Construction Industry Table Tennis Competition and Carnival 2018” would be held on 6 May 2018.
- “Construction Leader’s Summit – HK Construction 2.0” with Mr. C K HON, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), as the speaker would be held on 16 May 2018.
- A visit to the HKIC – Sheung Shui Campus would be held on 17 May 2018.
- “Construction Safety Week 2018 – Kick off Ceremony and Conference, Innovative Safety Initiative Award 2018 Award Presentation Ceremony” would be held on 21 May 2018.
- The “Dragon Boat Race 2018 – Construction Industry Council Lo Pan Cup” was scheduled on 18 June 2018.
- Consultation Forum on the Discussion of Land Supply Options in Construction Industry was tentatively scheduled in late June 2018.
- The “Hong Kong Construction Youth Skills Competition” would be held on 23 June 2018.

2.33 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 003/18

The next meeting was scheduled for 22 June 2018 (Friday) at 2:00pm at Multi-purpose Hall of ZCB, 8 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.