

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 005/10 of the Construction Industry Council for 2010 was held on Friday, 27 August 2010 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Central, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Wai-wah HO	(WWH)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Peter LAM	(OKL)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Kam-hung YU	(KHY)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
		Irene CHENG	(ICG)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director (Training)
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance)
		Yon-chen CHIU	(YCC)	Senior Manager (Human Resources and Administration)
		Oi-yen LEE	(OYL)	Senior Auditor
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
		Phoebe LEUNG	(PLG)	Manager (Council Services) 2
Apologies	:	Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Joseph LEE	(HWL)	

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Action

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

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/004/10 and approved the minutes of the 4th meeting for 2010 held on 25 June 2010 at Murray Building, Central, Hong Kong.

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

Matters arising from the previous meeting were covered at the later part of the meeting.

5.3 3rd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2010

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/037/10.

A Task Force on Review of Major Construction Method Statements was set up to review safety aspects of works sequences and method statements of typical construction activities. As both the Buildings Ordinance and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance contained provisions for construction site safety, a Member suggested reviewing relevant provisions in these Ordinances at a later stage.

The Committee and some stakeholders shared their experience on construction site safety including five principal parties' shared responsibility for site safety in Sichuan reconstruction work, Japan study tour for construction safety by Occupational Safety & Health Council and Hong Kong Construction Association's study on behavioural aspects of construction workers.

It was noted that building repair, maintenance, alteration and addition (RMAA) works contributed to around 52% of the works of the whole construction industry. The Committee contemplated recommending the adoption of Pay for Safety Scheme in the Operation Building Bright programme and the discussion would continue. Another area to explore would be introducing safety performance requirements in Minor Works Contractors Registration.

A Member suggested that some CIC guidelines should be published

in the form of Code of Practice such as Guidelines on Safety of Tower Cranes and Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works such that the industry had to follow suit. As the Committee had already discussed the categorisation of the aforesaid guidelines which was subsequently approved by the CIC, it was agreed to keep the approved categorisation. The Committee would review the feedback from the industry at an appropriate time regarding such implementation.

5.4 **3rd Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2010**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/038/10 and approved holding the Construction Technology Forum with a theme of “Quality and Competitiveness through Technical Excellence” on 10 December 2010. There would be local universities’ presentations on the latest construction technology development and management practices in the morning followed by a luncheon for further sharing of experience and exchange of views.

The Committee started a preliminary discussion on setting key performance indicators (“KPIs”) for the local construction industry. Relevant KPIs adopted by overseas countries and all CIC committees’ input would be useful to this study. Findings from a previous consultancy study commissioned by the Development Bureau to review the local and international experience for the development and application of a construction industry performance measurement system could also be a good source of information.

The wider use of prefabricated construction and standardized and modular components were being discussed in response to one of the recommendations in the Construction Industry Review Committee (“CIRC”) Report.

To combat fly-tipping and land filling activities, the Committee viewed that implementing administrative measures at this stage would be a favourable option. After publication of the Guidelines on Trip Ticket System for Disposal Construction & Demolition Materials in Private Sector Works early next year, statutory organisations and funding bodies would be approached and encouraged to implement the Guidelines in their subvented projects.

A Member commented that workers were required to bring along multiple cards such as Construction Workers Registration Card and Green Card at workplace. The Committee would look into the issue and explore means to coordinate various systems with a view

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to combining the cards.

5.5 2nd Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2010

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/046/10. A Member pointed out that many of the recent works projects were of large project sums while smaller contractors failed to meet the tender requirements and were ineligible for bidding the contracts. Members agreed that it was a concern to smaller contractors but noted that the Government had put much effort in providing smaller size contracts but the tender procedures needed to comply with the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.

5.6 3rd Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2010

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/10.

Following the completion of the Survey of Problems of Outstanding Payments in Construction Supply Chain, a Task Force on Security Payment Legislation was set up. With the support of the Census and Statistics Department on provision of expertise and the Development Bureau on provision of funding, the Task Force would consider the feasibility of conducting a more in-depth questionnaire survey in relation to the projection of the amount of outstanding payments in the industry.

A Task Force on Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontracts was set up and started translating the principles advocated by the Guidelines on Standard Forms of Domestic Sub-contracts for Basic Trades, which was published by the then Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board, into subcontract clauses for adoption by the industry.

A Task Force on Dispute Resolution Documentation was set up to prepare model contract clauses for incorporating into commonly used forms of construction contracts based on the dispute resolution practices recommended in the Guidelines on Dispute Resolution.

Members noted that the CIC held a press conference on 4 August 2010 to publicise the Guidelines on Measures for Protection of Workers' Wages.

5.7 2nd Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2010

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/040/10.

To cope with the strong manpower demand for civil engineering trades in the coming years, a review of CICTA's training courses would be carried out with a view to developing suitable civil engineering-related training courses to meet the needs of the industry.

It was also noted that trainees employed by contractors under the Civil Trade Cooperative Training Scheme could not benefit from the "5-8-1" training scheme. The Development Bureau and the CITB would look into the issue.

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5.8 1st Meeting of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2010

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/10.

As part of the work plan for 2010-2011, the Committee would review the provision of electrical and mechanical (E&M) engineering training courses with a view to enhancing coordination with the Vocational Training Council and eliminating duplicate efforts on some areas. The Committee would also formulate strategies to assist construction workers and supervisors to work overseas.

It was noted that the Construction Workers Registration Authority (CWRA) had requested to further divide certain trade tests to more specific ones, which might be against the general trend towards multi-skills training. Discussion among the Development Bureau, the CIC and the CWRA would be helpful to resolve the issue.

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5.9 Any Other Business

NIL

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.