

Construction Industry Council

Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 001/17 of the Construction Workers Registration Board was held on Wednesday, 18 January 2017 at 3:30pm at Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Summary notes of the Construction Workers Registration Board Meeting No. 001/17.

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| 1.1 | | <u>New CWRB Member List and Welcome New Members</u> Chairman introduced five newly appointed members of CWRB. In addition, Ms. Pauline Pang, holding the office of Chief Officer/Technical Services of the Buildings Department had succeeded Ms Clarice Yu to be the member of the board. Mr Chan Pat-kan representing trade union was appointed from 9 December 2016 to 31 December 2018 to succeed Mr. Fan Cheung Fun who resigned as CWRB member in September 2016. |
| 1.2 | CIC/CRB/M/004/16 | <u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the 4 th meeting of CWRB for 2016 were confirmed. |
| 1.4.1 | CIC/CRB/P/002/17 (Progress Report) | <u>2017 Work Programme</u> Members took note of the 2017 yearly work plan and the work scope of relevant sub-committees and task forces of the CWRB. A Member suggested making a recommendation to the Council to set up a workers welfare task force aiming at improving the welfare of registered workers and enhancing the image of CIC. |
| 1.5 | CIC/CRB/P/005/17 (for Resolution) | <u>Appointment of the Chairperson and Members of Construction Workers Qualifications Board</u> The nominations of Mr Rex Wong, member of CWRB as the chairperson and ten persons/public officers nominated by respective organisations/bodies as members of the Qualifications Board for the term from 18 January 2017 to 31 December 2018 were approved. |
| 1.6 | CIC/CRB/P/006/17 (for Resolution) | <u>Registration Related Matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agreed by the CWRB in principle, the Secretariat would reply to the Hong Kong Formwork Contractors Association based on the analysis conducted by the Secretariat in relation to the impact of the Designated Workers for Designated Skills (DWDS) implementation on formwork. Any requests from the industry to add new trade division to the Construction Workers |

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| | | <p>Registration Ordinance shall follow the framework promulgated by the CWRB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed trade division codes for the three new trade divisions - “False Ceiling Installer”, “Partition (Metal Frame) Installer” and “Cable Jointer (Dead Cable)” were approved. • The Guidelines on Arrangement of “Instruction and Supervision” and Code of Practice for Reasonable Measures of “Instruction and Supervision” were submitted to Council in the meeting held in July 2016 to publish the Code for the industry to get prepared for the “Instruction and Supervision” arrangement. The Code of Practice will take effect on 1 April 2017. According to the CWRO, the Council shall issue a notice in relation to the matter. |
| 1.7.1 | CIC/CRB/P/007/17 (Progress Report) | <p><u>Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 31 December 2016, 71% of the total number applications (i.e. 111,072) had completed the approval process, 14% had completed the approval process but requiring workers to submit further information to substantiate their applications. The remaining 15% would target to be substantially processed by trade unions and the CIC in February 2017. • Workers Registration Office will issue letters to workers who are required to take follow up actions by February 2017 urging them to submit the required information soonest. |
| 1.7.2 | CIC/CRB/P/008/17 (Progress Report) | <p><u>Task Force on Construction Workers Registration System</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force was requested to submit a roadmap and a timetable to the CWRB in April with an aim to the full adoption of CWRS before the end of 2017. • Promotion of the CWRS would continue which include organising briefing sessions on a monthly basis, distributing tip cards with information about the installation of CIC device, sending electronic direct mailing to promote the Early Bird Experience Programme, broadcasting the CWRS video through various channels including CIC premises, CIC events as well as CIC YouTube channel. |
| 1.7.3 | CIC/CRB/P/009/17 (Progress Report) | <p><u>Promotion of the Remaining Phase of Prohibition of CWRO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members took note of the design and content of the DWDS app. The DWDS app will be launched in the press conference of 31 March 2017. • From October to December 2016, nine DWDS seminars were held with attendance of 720 participants, including tailor made seminars for contractors upon their request. • DWDS talks on construction sites and contractor premises will be further increased in the coming months to help the industry to get prepared for the DWDS implementation. |

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| 1.7.4 | CIC/CRB/P/010/17 (Progress Report) | <p><u>Workers Registration Office</u></p> <p>As of 31 December 2016, there were 173,081 registered skilled workers, 23,930 registered semi-skilled workers and 228,245 registered general workers. The numbers of registered skilled and semi-skilled workers accounted for 46% of the total number of registrations, increased by 11% compared with the figure as of 30 March 2015 before the launch of the senior workers registration arrangement.</p> |
| 1.7.5 | CIC/CRB/P/011/17 (Progress Report) | <p><u>Inspection and Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers of construction site and registration card inspection in 2016 had met the targets set for 2016. • There was a slight drop in the number of site violations during the year and no prosecution summons was issued. • The construction site trial inspection (i.e. carried out inspection under the assumption of DWDS implementation) for 2016 was concluded with 60 trials conducted and 1,346 workers checked on site. Among 1,346 workers, 923 workers were engaged in designated trades. Out of those, 572 were registered skilled/semi-skilled workers of designated trades (including provisional registration). Approximately 47% of the 351 registered general workers indicated that they were carrying out skill works under instruction and supervision. The instructors were able to appear at the sites within 5 minutes. The maximum ratio of instructor and workers under instruction and supervision was 1:5. |