

Construction Industry Council
Construction Industry Training Board

Meeting No. 001/16 of the Construction Industry Training Board was held on 16 February 2016 (Tuesday) at 2:30pm at Conference Room No.1, CIC Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of the CITB Meeting No. 001/16:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/CTB/R/011/15	Welcome and Confirmation of the Progress Report of the Previous Meeting Members welcomed Ir Allan Chan, the new CITB Chairman, and confirmed the minutes of 11th CITB Meeting held on 15 December 2015.
1.2	CIC/CTB/R/011/15	Matters arising from the last meeting i) As regards the suggestions of having some construction works to be carried out and supervised by skilled workers in plumbing and that works on water supplies could be categorised by making reference to the practices of handling different grades of electrical works by electricians of different licenses, Course Advisory Panel on Plumbing & Pipe-fitting had convened a special meeting to follow up the issues and study the proposed amendments to the related Ordinance. Since the proposed amendments would cover a wide range of areas and the parties to be affected would be numerous, further consultation and discussion were required. ii) Members noted the management was lobbying for the support of the representatives of residents of Riviera Lodge and Yue Kok Village via Tai Po District Office to erect one more tower crane in Tai Po Training Ground. By late January 2016, the Management Committee of Owners' Corporation of Riviera Lodge was aware of the issue and expressed no objection to the addition of training facilities to the training ground. The resident representatives of Yue Kok Village once made an oral agreement that they would not oppose the erection if Riviera Lodge made no opposition. It was expected that the overall views of the Owners' Corporation/resident representatives would be forwarded to Tai Po District Office in early March to expedite the process to get approval for erecting one more tower crane in Tai Po Training Ground.
1.3		Vision, strategies and direction of CITB Members took note of the three proposed vision and mission statements of CITB, which covered three main areas: (i) Basic Craft and Site Supervision Training; (ii) Management and Safety Training of practitioners and their continuing development; and (iii) Trade Testing and Certification Testing, as well as the related strategies. The vision and strategies were mainly to further enhance the efficiency of training and trade testing. Members also noted that CIC agreed that standing committees and boards, based on the report of "Building a better future - HK Construction Industry – 2030" as submitted by the consultant, to follow up the proposed recommendations within their scope of duties and develop work plans to execute these recommendations.

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1.4	CIC/CTB/P/001/16 (for discussion)	Organisation structure and membership of CITB for 2016 Members opined that there was a need to maintain the existing structure of CITB including its task forces, working groups and course advisory panels. The management could review the room for improvement.
1.5	CIC/CTB/P/002/16 (for discussion)	Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme – Crawler Crane Operation (Apprenticeship) Course Apart from accepting the above course proposal, Members also agreed to revise the existing arrangement of giving out trainers’ subsidy (practical training) for “Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme – Crawler Crane Operation Course”, under which the amount of trainers’ subsidy (practical training) would not be deducted on a pro rata basis should the number of intakes be less than the original requirement of 5 persons but sufficient for course commencement. In addition, the relaxation of the class size requirement and related subsidy arrangement of the Skills Enhancement Courses under “Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme - Pilot Scheme” would be studied to enhance the flexibility of course commencement.
1.6 1.7 & 1.8	CIC/CTB/P/003/16 CIC/CTB/P/004/16 CIC/CTB/P/005/16 (for information)	Report on benchmarks of efficiency for “VTC Diploma in Vocational Education (DVE) Subsidy Programme – Craftsmen” in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015; Statistical report of applications for “cooperative training schemes” in 2015; and Set up an Intermediate Trade Testing Workshop for Metal Worker at Tai Lam Correctional Institution Members noted the above reports.
1.9	CIC/CTB/P/006/16 (for information)	Part-time training course on Leakage Detection of Underground Water Mains – WSD approved course Members noted new course proposals would be submitted in the format of discussion papers for the consideration and approval of CITB.
1.10 & 1.11	CIC/CTB/P/007/16 CIC/CTB/P/008/16 (for information)	Application for review of test results and appeal mechanism; Key items of discussion of Course Advisory Panels (CAPs) 2015-2016 Members noted the above appeal mechanism and the report on key discussion items of CAPs.
1.12	CIC/CTB/P/009/16 (for information)	Manpower arrangement for positions related to skills training and trade testing The above paper after incorporating more detailed information would be re-submitted for Members’ consideration.
1.13	Regular Reports and A.O.B.	Members noted the regular reports tabled at the meeting, which included (i) Tables and charts of registered Trade workers via arrangement of senior workers registration and passing of trade tests, (ii) Table on estimated waiting time for full-time adult short courses, and (iii) Tables and charts of Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme - Pilot Scheme. In addition, Members also noted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Vocational Training Council for closer cooperation in relation to course development; the postponement of holding the Construction Industry Sports Day cum Charity Fun Day 2016; and the planning of co-organising a recruitment day with Hong Kong Construction Sub-contractors Association on 3 March 2016 at Construction Industry Resource Centre in Kowloon Bay to recruit trainees for the related cooperative training scheme.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Construction Industry Training Board can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.