

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 006/11 of the Construction Industry Council for 2011 was held on Friday, 16 December 2011 at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Wai-wah HO	(WWH)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Peter LAM	(OKL)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Kam-hung YU	(KHY)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Iris CHAN	(IsC)	Housing Department
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director (Training)
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance)
		Guiyi LI	(GYL)	Senior Manager (Research)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services)
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager (Council Services)
Apologies		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Joseph LEE	(HWL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

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

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

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/005/11 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 5th meeting for 2011 held on Friday, 28 October 2011 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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

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

6.3 4th Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/064/11.

The following issues were highlighted by CT.

- Item 4.3 – Short-term, medium-term and long-term strategies of the Com-CSS were formulated to enhance the construction site safety in view of the recent spate of site accidents.
- Item 4.6 – With the assistance of the HKU Research Team on the hot weather study, the revised guidelines would be published before the summer of next year.
- Item 4.7 – The Task Force on Safety of RMAA sites was exploring the collaborative opportunity with Hong Kong Housing Society and Urban Renewal Authority to promote safety precautionary measures at the sites of Operation Building Bright projects. A Committee on RMAA would be set up next year to focus on this area of works.
- The draft guidelines on PFSS would be ready for review in due course.
- Jointly organised with DevB, a Safety Week would be held in May 2012. A wide range of special events such as CEO Safety Forum and Considerate Contractors Site Award Presentation Ceremony would be organised during the one-week event.

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6.4 5th Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/053/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 5.2 (i) - The first working group meeting on Strategic Implementation of Prefabrication and Modular Construction was held. A report to identify potential factors affecting the suitability or causing limitations of using prefabrication and modular construction in local works projects as well as to set out a road map for areas which require further and detailed investigation would be submitted to the Com-ENT after the 4th working group meeting.
- Item 5.2 (ii) – The research on adhesion technology for external wall tiles would be reported at the next Council Meeting.
- Item 5.2 (iii) – The research on river sand substitutes commenced in November 2011. The progress would be updated at the next Council Meeting.
- Item 5.3 – A 2-month extension of time would be granted to HKU to collect data for establishing a Hong Kong based carbon labeling framework for construction materials. To tie in with the report on carbon labeling, HKGBC had commissioned HKU to conduct a research on product green labeling.
- Item 5.5 – A new working group on building information modeling (BIM) would be established to recommend implementation strategies and roadmap for adoption of BIM in local construction industry.
- Item 5.10 – The proposed research policy would be submitted to the Com-ENT for endorsement.

[TH left the meeting at this juncture.]

6.5 5th Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2011

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/054/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.3 – As suggested by the Chairman, the summary of views and concerns on the Competition Bill prepared by the Task Force on Competition Law should be presented to the

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Com-ANF for endorsement before submitting to the relevant Bills Committee of the LegCo if time permitted. The summary would be reported at the next Council Meeting after the submission.

- Item 4.4 – A technical forum on NEC3 collaborative contracts 2012 would be organised on 7 March 2012. As the Council had not yet formulated a position on the adoption of NEC3, the seminar should aim to provide a platform for stakeholders to share their views and suggestions only in the application of NEC3 collaborative contracts in the local construction industry without carrying any message of promoting its application.
- Item 4.5 – Drafting of the Guidelines on the Selection of Consultants was in progress and would be submitted to the Com-PCM for comment in due course.
- Item 4.6 – In view of the well functioning of various payment schemes in place across the industry and the lack of consensus among different interest groups, Com-PCM agreed to drop the idea of publishing the Guidelines on Interim Payment Schedules and Milestone Payment Procedures.
- Item 4.10(b) – A procurement fact sheet would be produced to provide industry stakeholders with a quick reference or information on good approaches and practices.

6.6 **5th Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/055/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 5.4 – Since the expert determination rules had not been adopted in Hong Kong, the Task Force on Dispute Resolution Documentation would review the feasibility of establishing expert panels with the support from various professional bodies as well as the HKIAC to be the neutral third party for its nomination if the disputing parties could not agree on an expert. In addition, further discussion with the DevB would be required concerning the proposition of adjudication as the default option.
- Item 5.5 – Since more time was required by DevB to analyse the data and to prepare the draft survey report of the survey on payment practice in construction industry, the meeting of the Task Force on Security of Payment Legislation had been postponed to 6 January 2012.

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- Item 5.6 – The Task Force on Standard Contract Provisions for Domestic Subcontracts would explore with the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers the possibility of extending the coverage of Employee Compensation Insurance to self-employed persons and/or sole proprietors and to propose the incorporation of cross-liability clause as a new standard provision in third party liability insurance. After the discussion of the last two chapters, the draft standard contract would be submitted to Com-SBC for comment. Com-CSS was requested to look into the possibility of providing a breakdown of accidents by different levels of severity with a view to segregating the calculation of accident rate in accordance with the severity of accident for determining the performance of contractors.
- Item 5.7 – The management committee of VSRS would adopt a more stringent regulatory action against subcontractors who had committed safety-related offences resulting in fatality. The Secretariat would properly disseminate the key messages and details to raise awareness, education and recognition of the regulatory action amongst subcontractors before its implementation.

6.7 **4th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/056/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- 11 courses under the Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme (CCTS) were currently in progress which offered 180 places for trainees. To ease the application backlog, two more new courses would be launched to increase 30 places for new applicants and three outdoor training grounds would be provided temporarily to offer extra 140 places.
- To address the concern on labour shortage in lift installation, CITB would reflect the industry's needs to the VTC concerning the increasing demand for training courses in lift installation and maintenance.
- More courses would be organised to provide training for assistant quantity surveyors and computer draftsmen.
- More scaffolding training courses would be organised if the existing courses were oversubscribed.
- CITB would review the consultation paper submitted by the

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CWRA regarding the segregation of trades.

[SHC left the meeting at this juncture.]

6.8 **4th Meeting of Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2011**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/057/11.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.3 – In order to obtain accurate figures on registered E&M workers working in the construction sites over the past year, CITB had made a request to CWRA through DevB for dividing the records of general workers into civil and building workers and E&M workers.
- Item 4.4 – An ad hoc working group on development of local construction professionals and supervisory staff to work overseas would be set up to facilitate the export of local professionals and supervisory staff.
- Item 4.6 - In collaboration with the Hong Kong Façade Association, CITB was planning to organise courses for training of curtain wall workers in anticipation of a manpower shortage resulted from the increased use of curtain wall in both public and private sectors.

In an effort to increase the supply of local construction workers, all new main contracts awarded by MTR would include training as a contractual provision to train up more skilled workers of the relevant trades. To echo the Member's opinion, DevB advised that all public works contracts, value exceeding HK\$200M would include provision for mandatory CCTS starting from 31 December 2011.

[CW left the meeting at this juncture.]

6.9 **Any Other Business**

Nil.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

******End of the Open-door Session******