

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Environment and Technology**

Meeting No. 003/11 of the Committee on Environment and Technology for 2011 was held on 16 June 2011 (Thursday) at 2:30 pm at 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

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Summary notes of the Committee on Environment and Technology (Com-ENT) Meeting No.003/11:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights</b>
3.1	CIC/ENT/R/002/11	Confirmation of the Progress Report – Members of the Com-ENT confirmed the Progress Report CIC/ENT/R/002/11 of the meeting held on 31 March 2011.
3.2	---	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:  (i) The project proponent of Research Proposal on Commitment towards Sustainable Urbanization of Construction Industry in Hong Kong had been informed of the decision of the Committee for declining funding support. The Secretariat reported that Strategic Planning Steering Committee would consider a better co-ordination with universities on funding research projects.  (ii) The funding request on Study of Green Labels for Construction Materials was turned down by Com-ANF which opined that the study should better be conducted by HKGBC.  (iii) Expression of Interest for the re-tender of Research on River Sand Substitutes had been invited and the Secretariat would proceed with the invitation to tender thereafter.

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3.3	CIC/ENT/P/016/11	<p>The proposed KPIs to be launched in three stages with Stage 1 in January 2012. The KPIs in Stage 1 was selected based on their importance and availability of data. Members also agreed that no target would be set forth for the KPIs at the moment.</p> <p>Because of the possible difference in the definition and scope of data collected, the indicators might not be directly applicable for comparison with overseas indicators. However, the indicators would still be useful in the trend analysis.</p> <p>CIC Secretariat would conduct a trial on the proposed KPIs by using 1 to 2 years' industry past data for Members' review and comment at the next Committee meeting.</p>
3.4	CIC/ENT/P/017/11	<p>It was generally agreed that there was an urgent need of the proposed research on the use of optical fibre sensors for real time monitoring of ground movement technology given there would be a number of tunnelling works ahead and the proposed technology could grab the chance of trying out its practicality at those sites. The Secretariat was asked to seek the consent of the project proponent for referring the proposal to MTR for consideration instead of executing the project by the CIC.</p>
3.5	CIC/ENT/P/018/11	<p>The seminar regarding Prefabrication and Modularisation was successfully held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011 with over-subscription.</p> <p>A task force was proposed to setup aiming at set out the "road map" and strategic direction for the Com-ENT to consider and prioritise actions. In consideration of limited resources of relevant organisations in participating in different task forces of CIC, Members agreed to try out a new arrangement by setting up a small technical group to come up with recommendation/ result first and then seeking comments from relevant organisations and stakeholders on the recommendation/ result, instead of setting up a task force with wide participations from all relevant bodies.</p>

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3.6	CIC/ENT/P/019/11	<p>Members considered the below salient points and concluded that it was not appropriate for the CIC to take up the Infrastructure Cost Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Majority of the infrastructure cost data was owned by the Government. However, only Government data was not sufficient to have a comprehensive review without the relevant data of private sector which was difficult to obtain. Without the government authority to drive the review, private sector might not be willing to provide the necessary cost data for the review.</li><li>• Whether the CIC was in a good position to conduct the review.</li><li>• The scale of such review would be huge and whether the CIC was able to do it.</li><li>• Whether the issue should be discussed at the Committee on Procurement instead if CIC needed to take the issue further.</li></ul>
3.7	CIC/ENT/P/020/11	<p>Members noted that EPD was proposing to amend the Air Pollution Control Ordinance within 2012 to further abate the risk of asbestos by extending the ban on import and sales of all forms of asbestos. No particular comment on the proposal was made.</p>
3.8	CIC/ENT/P/021/11	<p>The Task Force had endorsed the Review Report of Adhesion Technologies for External Wall Tiles and the consultant proceeded with the laboratory testing and preparation of the Study Report. It was anticipated that the initial finding could be reported to the Task Force at its next meeting in July 2011. The consultant would be asked to present the finding at the Committee at an appropriate time before the report was finalised.</p>
3.9	CIC/ENT/P/022/11	<p>The interim report would be ready by end of July 2011 for comments whereas the draft final report was expected to be available by December 2011.</p>
3.10	---	Any Other Business

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="698 360 2101 432">(i) Upcoming BIM seminar would be tentatively scheduled for 11 October 2011 pm for about 100 attendees.</li><li data-bbox="698 440 2101 560">(ii) LegCo invited the CIC to attend its Panel on Environmental Affairs meeting scheduled for 27 June 2011 to discuss the review of EIA mechanism. Members had no particular views on the issue at the early stage without solid information about the revision.</li><li data-bbox="698 568 2101 671">(iii) Following the Summary Report on Review of Local Construction Standard issued in October 2010, the Secretariat was requested to work with Development Bureau to prepare an update on the current status of the adoption of Eurocode in Hong Kong.</li></ul>