

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Construction Site Safety**

Meeting No. 002/10 of Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) was held on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

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The following items have been discussed at the Com-CSS Meeting No. 002/10:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights</b>
2.1	CIC/CSS/R/001/10	Confirmation of the Progress Report – Members of the Com-CSS approved the Progress Report CIC/CSS/R/001/10 of the last meeting held on 16 April 2010.
2.2	CIC/CSS/R/001/10	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting – Members of the Com-CSS agreed that the Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 1) should be published as soon as it was appropriate for reference by the industry. Appropriate publicity such as a press conference might be considered to promulgate the adoption of the Guidelines as well as the work of CIC.
2.3	CIC/CSS/P/013/10	<p>A Preliminary Analysis of Fatal Accidents Occurred in the Construction Industry in 2010 (provisional figures up to 6 May 2010) – the Labour Department had prepared a report on the statistics of construction works related fatal accidents recorded from 2006 to 2010. Members noted that repair, maintenance, alterations and additions (RMAA) works had contributed a significant portion of fatality in the construction industry. Among the various types of accidents, ‘fall of person from height’ was the most frequent cause of fatal accidents in the past five years.</p> <p>Members recognized that aspects such as negligence of workers, appropriateness of method statements and sequence of works, and the quality of site supervision should be examined for improving RMAA work safety. The Task Force on Working in Hot Weather and the Task Force on Work Safety of RMAA Sites were requested to look into safety problems of working in hot weather relating to RMAA works.</p>

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2.3 (cont'd)		Members also noted a fatal accident involved the operation of material hoistway in construction site. A letter would be issued by the Com-CSS Chairman to the HKCA and REDA reminding them the importance of construction site safety in relation to material hoistway operation at construction site.						
2.4	CIC/CSS/P/014/10	<p>An Introduction to the Main Principles in the Construction (Design and Management) (CDM) – The Labour Department presented the concept of CDM application and the major features of the UK CDM 2007 system.</p> <p>Members agreed that the basic principles and objectives of CDM were good but the implementation details would take time for the industry to buy in. The Chairman directed the Task Force on Construction Site Safety Strategic Development to recommend the principles in CDM which were suitable for adoption in Hong Kong.</p> <p>A new Task Force on the Review of Construction Method Statements was established (to be chaired by Mr Lau Chi-kin) for review of method statements and construction sequences and the necessary consultancy exercise.</p>						
2.5	CIC/CSS/P/015/10	<p>Work Plan for the Committee on Construction Site Safety in the Year 2010 to 2011 – Members discussed about the works of various Task Forces established under the Com-CSS and the key notes of the discussion were summarized as below:-</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Task Force</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft</td> <td>On-going until completion of all three sets of guidelines.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Work Safety of RMAA Sites</td> <td>On-going to study improvement measures for enhancement of RMAA work safety.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Task Force	Remarks	Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft	On-going until completion of all three sets of guidelines.	Work Safety of RMAA Sites	On-going to study improvement measures for enhancement of RMAA work safety.
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2.5 (cont'd)		Working in Hot Weather	The research on heat stress impact would be commenced upon approval of the funding request by the CIC. The Task Force would also study the implication of behavioural aspects of site safety.
		Construction Site Safety Strategic Development	The Task Force would combine with the Task Force on Construction (Design and Management) to holistically review the direction for improvement of site safety in the local construction industry.
		Site Safety Training	On-going development of safety training requirements for contractors' and consultants' site management and supervisory staff.
		Application of Mediation on Construction Injuries Dispute	On-going until the completion of guidelines for the promulgation of mediation for the settlement of construction injuries disputes.
		Safety of Tower Cranes	Revision of the existing guidelines completed. The Task Force deactivated.
		Permanent Safety Features	The Task Force to be deactivated after the technical guidelines on cast-in anchor devices has been completed.
		Site Safety of Refuse Disposal	A newly formed Task Force. Safety issues about the use of farmer truck in disposing construction debris should also be covered.

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2.5 (cont'd)		Review of Construction Method Statements	A newly formed Task Force to review the method statement and construction sequence of construction works for the enhancement of site safety.
		The prioritisation of the works of the Task Forces would be discussed at the next Com-CSS meeting.	
2.6	CIC/CSS/P/016/10	Categorization of Publications Prepared by the Committee on Construction Site Safety – The Com-CSS agreed that all of its publications should be classified as “Guidelines”.	
2.7	AOB	Regarding the safety implications of tunneling works, it was agreed that the Labour Department would report related site accidents in the past for reference by the Com-CSS. DSD, MTRCL, HKCA, CICTA and other related parties might also be invited to provide necessary inputs for the same.	