

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 001/19 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on Thursday, 28 March 2019 at 2:15pm at the Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Summary Notes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 001/19:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/CSY/M/004/18 (for discussion)	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 004/18 Members confirmed the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2018.
1.2	CIC/CSY/M/004/18 (for discussion)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Agenda item 4.7 - The CIC Secretariat had conducted an inventory check on all available safety-related videos and publications from CIC and posted them onto the CIC website.
1.3	(Presentation) (for information)	Study on Safety Roles and Responsibilities in the Hong Kong Construction Industry The consultant briefed Members on the work of the study on the safety roles and responsibilities in the Hong Kong Construction Industry and the progress. The draft report of phase 1 had been submitted to the working group for review. After discussion, committee Members agreed to request the consultant to start the work in phase 2.
1.4	Verbal Report (for information)	Discussion on Labour Department's Proposals on Raising Penalties of the Occupational Safety and Health Legislation The representative from Labour Department (LD) briefed Members on the consultation paper on Raising Penalties of the Occupational Safety and Health Legislation, and welcomed comments from all related stakeholders.

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		The Chairperson advised that the CIC had conducted a consultation forum on 14 March 2019. Approximately 100 persons from stakeholder organisation attended the forum and some had expressed their views. The chairperson advised that he would provide comments to LD on behalf of Com-CSY. The CIC Secretariat was consolidating all the comments from stakeholders for submission to LD.
1.5	CIC/CSY/P/001/19 (for information)	Progress on the Setup of Centre for Construction Safety Members took note on the work progress on the Centre for Construction Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The design consultant reported the progress and proposed two designs for consideration. Committee Members expressed that the design should avoid any modification to the original building structure as far as possible.● Committee Members discussed the designs of the safety exhibition area and suggested to use “Past”, “Present” and “Future” as the theme of different zones.● The Chairperson advised that he and the three Subcommittee Chairpersons will hold regular meetings with the Hong Kong Institute of Construction and the design consultant to discuss the development and the holding content of the Centre for Construction Safety.● The design consultant will consolidate all comments and revise the design for discussion at the next meeting.
1.6	CIC/CSY/P/002/19 (for information)	Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST) Progress of the SST was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● An overall review on the training programme of Hong Kong Institute of Construction was being conducted to address the industry’s needs, and the safety training on prevention of fatal or serious accident.● The silver card training course was being optimised by adding Hold Point on safety critical items,

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		<p>and the importance that everyone should reject to work under unsafe condition would be emphasised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The entry qualification requirement for the “Construction Safety Supervisor Course” and the “Basic Site Safety Supervising Technique Course” would be maintained as “3 years’ relevant working experience”. It was considered that only trained persons with relevant experience and tested for competence shall be endorsed to carry out supervision work. ● To tackle the shortage of supervisor with lifting operation and management experience, it was suggested to develop a lifting supervisor training course. <p>A Member suggested to lower the minimum admission requirement of “3 years’ relevant working experience” in the Lifting Safety Supervisor course. The Chairperson suggested that priority shall be given to those with 3 years’ relevant working experience. The Subcommittee will discuss the matter in the next meeting.</p>
1.7 & 1.8	CIC/CSY/P/003/19 (for information)	<p>Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues (STI) Progress of the STI was as follows:</p> <p>STI Members proposed to include the Labour Department Representative in the Subcommittee. Com-CSY Members approved the recommendation.</p> <p>Truss Out Scaffold Safety Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In view of the fatal accidents related to truss out scaffolding works in recent years, it was suggested to setup a Truss Out Scaffold Working Group to review the existing legislation, code of practice and regulatory practice of truss out scaffolding works to enhance the understanding the safety management of such works and the responsibilities of relevant stakeholders. The proposal to set up the Working Group had been approved by Members of the Committee on Construction Safety via e-mail circulation by the CIC Secretariat.

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1.9	CIC/CSY/P/004/19 (for information)	<p>Progress of the Task Force on Reviewing the Safety Responsibilities and Roles of Key Stakeholders (TF-SRR)</p> <p>Progress of the TF-SRR was as follows:</p> <p>Review of the safety responsibilities and roles of developers had been completed with the following suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Design Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Classify public works by departments and consider to prepare detailed design for safety guideline.➤ Make use of the guideline of Housing Authority as a model to prepare a Design for Safety guideline for the private sector.➤ Based on the different types of project to produce relevant design for safety guidelines.➤ Study the development process of Design for Safety in Singapore and the UK, and prepare roadmap for Hong Kong.● Pay for Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Existing “Pay for Safety Scheme” items have become industry basic requirements. It is suggested DEVB carried out a review of the current “Pay for Safety Scheme”.● Reasonable Contract Period<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Develop a Reasonable Contract Period Guideline with developers and other relevant stakeholders.➤ Document developer’s roles and responsibilities in the Guideline on Safety Responsibilities and Roles of Key Stakeholders and introduce mechanism to handle timely granting of extension of time in contracts. <p>Roles and Responsibilities of Designer and Consultant will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>

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1.10	CIC/CSY/P/006/19 (for information)	Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP) Progress of the SSP was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The arrangement for the Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme had been reviewed and improvement had been identified. Suggestions had been made to DEVB and will be considered for adopting in CCSAS 2019.● The existing 13 sets of safety posters had been translated into Nepali, Hindi and Urdu and uploaded onto the CIC website “Safety Corner”.● Subcommittee had discussed the feasibility of the development of a mobile Apps and it was suggested to seek more ideas from different App developers.
1.11	Verbal Report (for information)	Construction Safety Week 2019 and Related Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Event period: 20th – 27th May 2019● Theme: Innovation in Safety● Objectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Promote Innovative Technologies for improving the construction safety performance➢ Encourage participation of frontline workers and contractors➢ Focus on those high risk activities which could lead to fatal accidents (Fall from height in particular)➢ Extend the theme to Construction Safety Week 2020, by conducting yearly-based activities with DVEB/ Labour Department/ Housing authority/ Occupational Safety & Health Council.● Activities would include safety symposium, site visit, “Safety Gathering”, “Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme”, safety video competition, BIM Talk x Safety seminar, etc.● Develop Virtual Reality (VR) training kits and purchase VR training goggles and distribute them through “Safety Gathering” to project sites for training (on safe working at height) purpose.● Some of the awards of the Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme will be presented on site during the “Safety Gathering” event to allow more participation from workers.

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1.12		<p>Any Other Business Chairperson welcomed Ms. LEE Sau-king and Ir Prof. LO Hong-kam to the Committee.</p> <p>Five research projects applied for CIC's Research and Development funding. After CIC's internal review, only one application was recommended for further examination of its feasibilities, and the other four applications were not recommended for further consideration or rejected. Committee Members had no comment on the CIC Secretariat's recommendation.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Safety and the full meeting minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.