

**Construction Industry Council**

**Construction Workers Registration Board**

Meeting No. 002/19 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on 8 May 2019 (Wednesday) at 9:30am at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

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Summary Notes of the CWRB Meeting No. 002/19:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
2.1	CIC/CRB/M/001/19	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Members confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 001/19.
2.3	CIC/CRB/P/007/19 (for approval)	<b>Sub-committees Membership List</b> Members approved the appointment of Dr. Raymond CHAN as a Member of the Sub-committee on Worker Development and Welfare.
2.4.1	CIC/CRB/P/008/19 (for information)	<b>Sub-committee on Registration Matters</b> (a) In response to the industry's enquiry on the applicability of “designated workers for designated skills” requirement on applying fire retardant paint / anti-corrosion paint, considering the basic skills, tools and thinner of brushing fire retardant paint / anti-corrosion paint are similar to those of the 4 trade divisions under the trade of “painter and decorator” in Schedule 1 of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (CWRO), the Sub-committee recommended that workers should register as registered workers of relevant trade divisions according to the types of paint and thinner applied, or “painter and decorator (master)” (master). As spraying fire retardant paint / anti-corrosion paint involves the work described in description of skills of 2 trade divisions under the trade of “painter and decorator” in Schedule 1 of the CWRO, workers are recommended to register as registered workers of relevant trade divisions, or “master”. In addition, workers could carry out relevant works under the "Instruction and Supervision" of registered workers of the

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		<p>relevant trade divisions, the arrangement of works across trade divisions and the exemption arrangement as stipulated in the CWRO.</p> <p>(b) A total of 302 applications for provisional registration were received from October 2018 to February 2019.</p> <p>(c) Provisional registration will last until 30 June 2019 (Sunday). Extensive and continuous publicity has been carried out to remind workers to register in a timely manner if they are eligible, by sending SMS to workers and sending the deadline information to contractors, registered subcontractors, trade associations, trade unions as well as advertisements in newspapers and publications. The three CIC Service Centres would be open as usual on the closing date. Furthermore, the Kowloon Bay Service Centre would extend the service hours to 8pm to facilitate workers to make an application before the deadline.</p>
2.4.2	CIC/CRB/P/009/19 (for information)	<p><b>Sub-committee on Worker Development and Welfare</b></p> <p>(a) To enhance the professional image of the construction workers, to foster a positive perception of the construction industry among the youth, and to recognise workers' contribution to construct Hong Kong, the "Construction Workers Festival" would be held from August to October 2019. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professional Development Seminars: to provide workers with topics ranging from knowledge, expertise and information about construction industry to personal development plan, including new construction techniques and methods, trade test information, corruption prevention knowledge and wealth management;</li> <li>● Continuing Professional Development Award Scheme: to recognise and encourage the continuing professional development and skills diversification of workers; and</li> <li>● Construction Appreciation Camp: about 30 secondary school students who are relatives of construction workers would be acquainted with the works, developments and milestones in the construction industry through various learning activities.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The feasibility of introducing construction workers credit card would be further explored.</p>

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2.4.3	CIC/CRB/P/010/19 (for information)	<b>Workers Registration Office</b> (a) The total number of workers with valid registration as of 31 March 2019 was 482,939, comprising 203,522 registered skilled workers, 29,466 registered semi-skilled workers, 248,476 registered general workers and 1,475 registered skilled and semi-skilled workers (provisional). (b) In response to the recommendation on the procedures for verifying the qualifications of workers by the Internal Audit Department of the CIC, Workers Registration Office has further stepped up its efforts to tackle the delayed replies. By further enhancing coordination with the issuing authorities, there were no outstanding cases.
2.4.4	CIC/CRB/P/011/19 (for information)	<b>Inspection and Enforcement</b> (a) In the first quarter of 2019, a total of 379 construction sites and 4,644 workers registration cards were inspected. A total of 611 workers' daily attendance records were checked. The quarterly goals were attained. (b) A total of 103 prosecution summonses were issued in the first quarter of 2019. (c) In the first quarter of 2019, the inspection and enforcement teams conducted a total of 7 seminars and briefings in different CIC events and on construction sites or at contractors' offices, with a total of 353 industry practitioners attended.

*Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*