Construction Industry Council

Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 002/21 of the Construction Workers Registration Board(CWRB) was held on 2 June 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Summary Notes of the CWRB Meeting No. 002/21.

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/CRB/M/001/21	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 001/21.
2.2		Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Nil.
2.3	CIC/CRB/P/004/21 (for approval)	Appointment of Subcommittee Member Ir Simon CHAN was appointed by the CIC as a member of the CWRB in April 2021. Members approved the appointment of Ir CHAN as a member of the Sub-committee on Data Analysis.
2.4	CIC/CRB/P/005/21 (for approval)	 Tender Recommendation for a new contract for the provision of "Construction Workers Registration Card" for the CIC (a) At the CWRB Meeting No. 003/20, Members approved to proceed with tender invitation for a new contract for the provision of registration cards for a period of 3 years (from August 2021 to July 2024). Tender exercise was then conducted according to the CIC Procurement Procedures. (b) Members approved the tender recommendation for the new contract for the provision of "Construction Workers Registration Card" for the CIC.

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2.5	CIC/CRB/P/006/21 (for approval)	List of nominating organisations of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board (a) The Qualifications Board consists of 15 Members from different sectors as stipulated in the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (CWRO). After reviewing the list of nominating organisations, Members approved the amendment of the nominating organisations in the following sectors:		
		Training institute		
		• Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation (New)		

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		The Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association (New) (c) The term of office of four Members of the Qualifications Board will expire on 31 December 2021. Members approved to invite the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the
		MTR Corporation Limited, Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation and the Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union to each nominate one representative as Members of the Qualifications Board for the new term. The term of office of the new Members will be from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.
2.6	CIC/CRB/P/007/21	3-Year Strategic Plan
	(for endorsement)	The 3-Year Strategic Plan was endorsed by Members and submitted to the CIC for approval.
2.7	CIC/CRB/P/008/21	Budget and work plan of the CWRB for 2022
	(for endorsement)	Members endorsed the budget and work plan of the CWRB for 2022. Highlights of the work plan for 2022 included:
		(i) Operate the new Kowloon Bay Service Centre and Nam Cheong Service Centre; 36,000 new applications, 85,800 renewal applications, and 28,800 applications for updating information were estimated;
		(ii) Provide one-stop-service to process applications for CIC training courses and trade tests; a total of 32,000 applications were estimated;
		(iii) Conduct regular and ad hoc site inspections and compliance check on submissions of daily
		attendance records (DAR) according to the established guidelines, investigate and prosecute offences committed against the requirements of the CWRO according to the established
		enforcement guidelines and prosecution policy, and actively educate and promote the
		requirements of the CWRB to the industry;
		(iv) Organise and promote the Construction Workers Festival 2022;

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		 (v) Produce a new promotional video with the theme of become a skilled worker; (vi) Produce new publicity materials on the importance of regular health check for workers; (vii) Organise Scholarship for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers 2022; (viii) Perform quarterly workers data analysis including data from CWRS and telephone survey as well as data obtained from other applicable sources and publish the results on the CIC website; and (ix) Maintain and enhance the Construction Workers Registration System and the mobile applications.
2.8	CIC/CRB/P/009/21 (for information)	 Report on the Meeting No. 001/21 of Sub-committee on Workers Development and Welfare (a) The Construction Workers Festival 2021 is themed on professional development and healthy living. Webinars on physical and psychological health will be organised in June and August 2021. Partnering with Construction Month, physical seminars on health and professional development as well as family fun activities will be held in November. (b) Promotion has been conducted through the CIC Service Centres, the Construction Workers Festival website, SMS and instant messaging app. In addition, promotional posters were sent to trade associations, trade unions and contractors. (c) In order to engage industry stakeholders to participate in the meaningful Scholarship for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers as well as fulfil their social responsibilities and demonstrate good corporate governance, a sponsorship programme was introduced this year. A total of HK\$145,000 in sponsorship were received as of 31 May 2021.
2.9	CIC/CRB/P/010/21 (for information)	Report on Workers Registration Office

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		(a) Total number of registered workers as at 30 April 2021 was 568,536, comprising 208,753 registered skilled workers, 33,415 registered semi-skilled workers and 326,368 registered general workers.
		(b) Site works to design and build the new Kowloon Bay Service Centre started in June 2021 and target to be completed in August 2021. Tsing Yi Service Centre will be in operation until 13 August 2021. The relevant publicity has been launched.
2.10	CIC/CRB/P/011/21 (for information)	 Report on Inspection and Enforcement (a) From January to April 2021, a total of 454 construction sites and 4,455 workers registration cards were inspected according to the CWRO. A total of 774 daily attendance record submissions were checked. (b) From February to April 2021, over 800 construction sites were inspected for "Regular Testing at Sites". (c) A total of 113 prosecution summonses were issued from January to April 2021. (d) From January to April 2021, 222 summonses were convicted by the court (including summonses issued in or before 2021). (e) From January to April 2021, a total of 6 seminars on "Designated Workers for Designated
		Skills" and "Construction Workers Registration System" were held.