

Construction Industry Council
Construction Industry Training Board

Meeting No. 008/15 of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2015 was held on 23 September 2015 (Wednesday) at 10:15am at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of Meeting No. 008/15 of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2015:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
8.1	CIC/CTB/R/007/15	Confirmation of the Progress Report of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of 7th CITB Meeting held on 17 July 2015.
8.2	CIC/CTB/R/007/15	Matters arising from the last meeting Members noted that: i) in response to the low participation in cooperative training schemes, the management would explore the feasibility of providing training in a hybrid mode; ii) comments of CITB had been forwarded to the Workers Registration Secretariat regarding the enhancement of promotion of the provisions of “designated workers for designated skills” under Construction Workers Registration Ordinance, the heed to be paid to the dissemination and promotion of information to workers not working in local construction sites and the expansion of the outreach teams. In addition, promotion leaflets in ethnic minority languages were made available, a staff with ethnic minority background was recruited to help in related tasks, and the giving out of a catering voucher of \$20 to attract workers to submit applications for trade tests was also approved.
8.3	CIC/CTB/P/092/15 (for discussion)	Cessation of multi-media self-learning packages for Mandatory Basic Safety Training Course (Construction Work) and Mandatory Basic Safety Training Revalidation Course (Construction Work) In order to further enhance the quality of safety training and cater for the Guidance Notes on Application for Recognition of Mandatory Safety Training Courses by Labour Department, Members agreed to cease offering multi-media self-learning packages for the Green Card Courses and the related revalidation courses starting from 5 October 2015. Request for additional resources was also agreed to.
8.4	CIC/CTB/P/082/15 (for discussion)	A new Course Advisory Panel on Concreting Members accepted the proposal of a new Course Advisory Panel on Concreting and the membership of the panel. The terms of office would begin in September 2015 and end in December 2016.
8.5	CIC/CTB/P/083/15 (for reference)	Report on the feasibility of purchasing refurbished second-hand construction plants Since there were many uncertain factors regarding the purchase of second-hand construction plants, Members, after discussion, agreed not to pursue the proposal of purchasing second-hand construction plants.
8.6	CIC/CTB/P/084/15 (for reference)	Report on the results of mobile crane operator test Members noted that Course Advisory Panel on Plant Operation had established a working group to discuss whether the contents of the captioned test and assessment levels could meet the market needs. Labour Department was also invited to attend the meeting held in end August. Participants in the meeting agreed that the existing assessment standard of CIC was aptly strict, and agreed to maintain the pass mark at 60 and make no change to the test requirements. However, Labour Department highlighted there was a need to

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		continue keeping up the safety standards. As regards the concern for the low passing rate of external applicants, Chairman proposed that CITB, Committee on Construction Safety and Labour Department should work together to holistically review the related safety certificates, operations, training and tests for crane operator.
8.7	CIC/CTB/P/085/15 (for discussion)	Skills Enhancement Courses for Ethnic Minorities - Pilot Scheme Members approved the introduction of the above course and its proposed course contents.
8.8	CIC/CTB/P/086/15 (for discussion)	Report on benchmarks of efficiency for full-time courses (drop-out rate and overall pass rate) Members noted the drop-out rate and overall pass rate for Basic Craft Courses and Construction Supervisor/Technician Programme in 2014/15 as well as the short courses commenced between January and June 2015. The proposed follow-up actions were also noted.
8.9	CIC/CTB/P/087/15 (for discussion)	Benchmarks of efficiency and statistics for cooperative training schemes (drop-out rate and overall pass rate) Members noted that applications were received for 25 trades under cooperative training schemes in the first half of 2015 and out of which 17 trades had started training. Members also noted the drop-out rate and overall pass rate of these cooperative training schemes.
8.10	CIC/CTB/P/088/15 (for discussion)	Subsidising “VTC Diploma in Vocational Education (DVE) Programme - Technician” Members approved subsidising eight courses of VTC Diploma in Vocational Education (DVE) Programme - Technician in 2015/2016 with a total of 400 training places. The estimated financial expenditure of \$11,088,000 per 360 target graduates and the revised proposal for giving out subsidy were also approved.
8.11 and 8.12	CIC/CTB/P/089/15 and CIC/CTB/P/090/15 (for reference)	Summary reports of 4th meetings of Task Force on Training and Task Force on Trade Testing in 2015 Members noted the respective summary reports of the 4th meetings of the two task forces, which included approval to the purchase of two new excavators and the tender documents as well as the request for Course Advisory Panel to review the test requirements of the trades with low pass rate.
8.13	CIC/CTB/P/091/15 (for reference)	Summary report of the 4th Joint meeting of Task Force on Contractor Cooperative Training and Apprenticeship Scheme and Task Force on Sub-contractor Cooperative Training, On-the-job Training, E&M Training and Subsidy Scheme Members noted that Advanced Construction Manpower Training Scheme - Pilot Scheme was launched on 1 September 2015 and progress on applications would be reported to CITB on a regular basis.
8.14	CIC/CTB/P/093/15 (for reference)	Tender assessment report on construction of model workshop on metal scaffolding at Trade Testing Centre Members noted the recommendation of the tender assessment panel to award the above contract to New Talent Engineering Limited, which achieved the overall highest score in the technical and price proposals. The price quoted was within budget and the assessment report would be submitted to Committee on Administration and Finance for approval.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Construction Industry Training Board can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.