

**Construction Industry Council**

**Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments**

Meeting No. 001/15 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Friday, 9 January 2015 at 2:30 pm at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 001/15:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights</b>
1.1	CIC/ICA/R/004/14	<b>Confirmation of progress report of the last meeting</b> Members confirmed the progress report of the fourth meeting held on 22 October 2014.

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1.3	CIC/ICA/P/001/15 (for information)	<p><b>Report on the works of CITB for the amendments to the CWRO</b></p> <p>In order to cope with a large number of trade test applications after the commencement of the “(Amendment) Ordinance”, Trade Testing Centre (TTC) would work out a proposal with budget estimate for dedicated trade tests, to increase trade test locations and manpower as well as to shorten the trade test cycle. Chairman requested the management to report the proposal endorsed by CITB to SGICA later, which should include measures to tackle the shortage of manpower, trade test locations, machinery or facilities in the future. TTC was also requested to increase the attendance of trade tests to avoid wastage of human resources.</p> <p>Co-chairman suggested TTC providing regularly scheduled trade tests by making reference to the mechanism of VTC Trade Test for Electricians, so that workers and employers could plan for the tests and work allocation conveniently. SM-CTT responded that a mobile application with trade tests enrolling and time slots selecting function was being explored. Chairman also suggested taking into account the cost and the limitations of implementing the proposal of different trade tests.</p>

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1.4	CIC/ICA/P/002/15 (for information)	<p><b>Report on the works of CWRB for the amendments to the CWRO</b> More than 1,000 workers applied for the pre-assessment of Senior Workers since its commencement on 2 January 2015.</p> <p>CWRB secretariat would conduct the industry-wide consultation and trial runs of the reasonable measures proposed for “Instruction and Supervision” and “Exempted Works” under the “Construction Workers Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2014”, which would last for a year in 2015.</p> <p>The new Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS) and the Mobile Device developed by the CIC would soon be put up for on-site testing. As no contractors had committed to participate in the testing, the Task Force on CWRS would keep persuading contractors to join the test.</p>

*Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Steering Group of Implementation of CWRO Amendments can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*