

Construction Industry Council

Meeting No. 004/13 of the Construction Industry Council for 2013 was held on Friday, 30 August 2013 at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Present	:	Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	Chairman
		Allan CHAN	(SKC)	
		Anthony CHAN	(AnCN)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		LAI Chi-wah	(CWL <i>i</i>)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Derrick PANG	(DP)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		WONG Sze-chun	(SCW)	
	Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings	
In Attendance		Grace LUI	(GL <i>i</i>)	Development Bureau
		Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Ricky LAU	(RLu)	Development Bureau
		Irene CHENG	(ICG)	Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Godfrey LEUNG	(GyLg)	Director – Workers Registration
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Katherine TAM	(OKT)	Senior Manager - Finance
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services
	Belle HO	(CYH)	Manager – Council Services	
Apologies		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Reuben CHU	(RCU)	
		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 5:10 p.m.]

4.8 **Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Open-door Session)**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/003/13 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 3rd meeting for 2013 held on Friday, 21 June 2013 at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

4.9 **Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting (Open-door Session)**

Nil.

4.10 **2nd Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2013**

Members received a brief report by HWC on Paper CIC/CMT/P/038/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.6 –The idea of printing the three most important messages in reminding workers of site safety before commencement of work as souvenirs like pens was supported.
- Item 2.7 - Safety Alert No. 003/13 – “Avoid Using Ladders for Working at Height in Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Works” was endorsed and targeted to be issued before September 2013.
- Item 2.11 - Construction Design and Management (CDM) would be discussed in the upcoming Com-CSS meeting.

The Chairman stressed the importance of Site Housekeeping and urged the Committee on Construction Site Safety to expedite the issuance of relevant alert/ guidelines.

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Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/038/13.

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4.11 **3rd Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2013**

Members received a brief report by KP on Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.2 – The Research on River Sand Substitutes for Concrete Production and Cement Sand Mortar Production (Phase Two) commenced in August 2013.

[SCW declared interest at the meeting on this issue.]

- Item 3.3 –It was agreed that the Report of the Roadmap for BIM Strategic Implementation would be published at the CIC website. The Working Group would discuss the implementation schedule of those recommendations in the Report. Before a central body to co-ordinate the BIM development was identified, CIC could assume the role in the interim in order to keep the wider adoption of BIM going.
- Item 3.8 –The commissioning of consultancy service for preparation of BIM standards was endorsed.
- Item 3.4 –Site trial at construction site of Hong Kong Housing Authority for the test on the adoption of RFID tags on dump truck was carried out in mid June 2013.
- Item 3.9 –The commissioning of consultancy services to carry out the survey and Phase Two Study on Strategic Implementation of Prefabrication and Modular Construction was endorsed in principle.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/13.

4.12 **2nd Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2013**

Members received a brief report by CT on Paper CIC/CMT/P/040/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

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- Item 2.3 –HKCA generally did not accept the use of on-demand bonds. The employers, on the other hand, did not support a bar on the use of on-demand bonds across the industry.
- Item 2.4 - Member of Com-PCM were invited to contribute in the drafting of the Alert on Construction Programme, and HKCA's representative to give suggestions on the proposed scope of a possible research study.
- Item 2.6 – Further Task Force meeting(s) would be held to fine-tune the document on NEC 3 Collaborative Contracts before finalizing it for formal submission to the Com-PCM for comment in March 2014.
- Item 2.7 – The Report of the Task Force on the Selection of Consultants and Contractors would be reviewed before circulating it to Com-PCM for comment.
- Item 2.8 – Regarding the Report of the Task Force on Employer-Procured Insurance Policies in Construction Contracts, the task force would continue the sharing of experience and start to deliberate on the possible deliverables.
- Item 2.9–The Year Plan for 2013/2014 was noted and confirmed.
- Item 2.10 -In response to the concerns over the practice in requesting the consultants to include the costs of Resident Site Staff into the lump sum fee proposal for consultancy services, the Development Bureau would refer the matter to the relevant government officials for their attention.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/040/13.

4.13 **3rd Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2013**

Members received a brief report by IW on Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3. - Being the Chair of the working group on the Review of the Implementation of the Dispute Resolution Mechanism, Mr. Cheung Tat-tong was invited to be a Co-opted Member of the Committee on Subcontracting with immediate effect.
- Item 3.6
- An appeal was lodged by a Registered Subcontractor

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against the regulatory action imposed by the Management Committee. An independent appeal panel comprised three representatives appointed by the CIC Chairman was formed to review the Management Committee's decision on the regulatory action.

- Mr. Gilbert H C Tsang was nominated by the HKFEMC as a member of the Management Committee to replace Mr. C K Tsang who had resigned his membership of the Management Committee.

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/13.

4.14 4th Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2013

Members received a brief report by CWG on Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/13.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 4.7 –Excavator simulators was accepted as teaching aids for pilot run. An application would be made to the Labour Department for revising the training arrangement while going ahead with the tendering process in parallel for the excavator simulators.
- Item 4.8 –A Certificate in Building Construction Supervision Course would be offered in 2013, with the Certificate in Civil Engineering Supervision Course already commenced, there would be a total capacity of 200.
- Item 4.9 - Six of the 2-year Basic Craft courses were changed to one year courses to meet the market needs.
- Item 4.10 - The proposed capacity establishment and trainee allowance of full-time courses in 2013/2014 training year were accepted.
- Item 4.13 – A 27-hour “Safety Training Course for Site Management Staff” and the 42-hour “Construction Safety Supervisor Course” would be conducted.
- Item 4.16 –The survey report on trade test with the survey reference period running from September 2012 to February 2013 was accepted. The survey mainly asked about matters related to registration. The average points of the ten questions scored were in the range of 4.31 and 4.58 (5 was the highest score).

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- Item 4.17 - The first annual report on complaints of Trade Test (building/ civil engineering/ electrical & mechanical) and Machinery operation certification test received from March 2012 to February 2013 was accepted.
- Item 4.26 – The management was requested to look into the division of labour between VTC and CIC on the provisions of E&M training .

Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/13.

4.15 5th Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2013

Members received a brief report by GyLg on Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/13 and the tabled Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/13.

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- A Workers Registration Office would be established at MTR Nam Cheong Station. The new office was expected to be open and fully operational by the end of 2013.
- Simplified specified training courses would be open to workers who had previously registered as Registered Skilled Workers (Provisional), but had not been successfully registered as skilled workers after the expiration of the provisional registration. The worker could apply to register with WRO after passing the course.

GyLg presented a survey on the work situation of registered workers in 2012. There was no correlation between working days claimed by the workers and in the DAR record could be identified. Another survey on the remaining 150,000 registered workers not appearing in the DAR in 2012 would be completed by mid September. The Chairman said that the result should be presented in the Council meeting in October together with the survey conducted by HKCA in April 2013 and the snapshot survey conducted by the Secretariat of Training and Development.

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Members had no comments on other items in Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/13 and Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/13.

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4.16 **Any Other Business**

Nil.

4.17 **Tentative Date of Next Meeting 005/13**

The next meeting was scheduled for 25 October 2013 (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

********End of the Open-door Session********