

**Construction Industry Council**

**Construction Workers Registration Board**

Meeting No. 004/13 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on Wednesday, 22 May 2013 at 3pm at Meeting Room 1, CIC Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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Summary Notes of Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) Meeting No. 004/13:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
1.1	-	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b> - The amended minutes of the 3rd CWRB meeting were confirmed (the amended version of the minutes had been circulated to all members on 21 May 2013 by email.)
2.1	CB/2013/22	<b><u>Proposal on WRO' Operation on Sundays</u></b> - CWRB accepted the proposed arrangements for WRO to operate on Sundays. They are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Aberdeen Headquarters (WRO-ABD) to remain open on Sundays;</li><li>● All WRO would close on certain Sundays during long weekends or festive holidays (all WRO will close on 30 June and 13 October in 2013. For the years to come, workers Registration Secretariat (WR-Sect) will work together with WRO at year-start to fix the Sundays when registration services will be suspended); and</li><li>● All temporary contract staff would take shifts to work on Sundays and take their compensation leave in the week that follows</li></ul> - Resolved to spend \$957,202 (HK dollars, the same hereinafter) to implement the above arrangements.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To review the overall manpower deployment of WRO six months after implementation.</li><li>- To investigate the possibility of closing WRO-ABD permanently and providing registration services at CIC office in Sheung Wan instead</li></ul>
2.2	CB/2013/23	<b><u>To Set Up a WRO at MTR Station</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CWRB resolved to put forward the proposal to MTR for renting a shop at Nam Cheong Station as WRO with annual rental of \$1,000.</li><li>- To investigate, apart from registration renewal, the possibility of processing new applications at this particular WRO.</li><li>- To draft a comprehensive proposal on setting up a WRO at Nam Cheong Station for CWRB's consideration</li></ul>
2.3	CB/2013/24	<b><u>Legal Advice on the Renewal of and Re-application for Provisional Registration upon Expiry</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CWRB noted the legal advice of the captioned issue.</li><li>- CWRB asked the Sub-committee on Registration Matters to liaise with the Registrar as to when to start accepting applications for extending provisional registration and to announce the vetting criteria.</li></ul>

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2.4	-	<p><b><u>The Reference Table on Working Experience in Specified Trades for Vetting Provisional Registration Applications</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB asked the WR-Sect to confirm with respective trade unions if the captioned table is still applicable for the set purpose. If the table is found obsolete, then it has to be revised.</li> </ul>
3.1	CB/2013/25	<p><b><u>Impact of the Private Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 on Collection of Construction Workers' Data</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To enquire the Office of PCPD again if the construction workers data collected by CWRB could be used for dispatching news on registration and renewal.</li> <li>- To send the new personal data collection statement to data subjects whose personal data was collected in the period from 1 April 2013 to the date when the registration application form was revised to get their consent of using their personal data.</li> <li>- In future, personal data of construction workers would be used for renewal reminders only</li> </ul>
3.2	CB/2013/26	<p><b><u>Allowing Construction Workers Who Offend the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance to Plea Guilty by Letter</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To seek legal advice on the captioned issue and making the breach of the Ordinance (on workers' part) a fixed penalty offence, and to pass the legal advice sought to DevB to facilitate their negotiation with DoJ.</li> </ul>
3.3	CB/2013/27	<p><b><u>Merging of Construction Workers Registration Cards and Other Construction Licences</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the work progress of the captioned issue.</li> </ul>

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4.1	CB/2013/28	<p><b><u>Report of the Task Force on Amending the Ordinance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the captioned report.</li> <li>- Agreed that disaster recovery works should be handled with administrative discretion, and to record in the minutes of this meeting the background and rationale of exempting emergency works in its first 48 hours for future reference.</li> <li>- The final version of the proposed amendments of the Ordinance has to be reviewed by CWRB, and be confirmed by WR-Sect and its enforcement team as feasible to implement before it is put forward to industry-wide briefing sessions and consultations</li> </ul>
4.2	CB/2013/29	<p><b><u>The Auditor's Report and Work Report of the then CWRA (1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resolved to present the captioned reports to the ComANF of the CIC</li> </ul>
4.3	CB/2013/30	<p><b><u>Report of the Workers Registration Offices</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the captioned report containing registration figures and work progress of WRO.</li> </ul>
4.4	CB/2013/31	<p><b><u>Report of Inspection and Enforcement</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the captioned report containing inspection and enforcement figures.</li> </ul>

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4.5	CB/2013/32	<p><b><u>Report of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board (QB)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the report of QB on vetting the applications for equivalent registration requirements of two trades namely, Mechanic Fitter and Refrigeration / Air-conditioning / Ventilation Mechanic.</li> </ul>
4.6	CB/2013/33	<p><b><u>Report of the Sub-committee on Specified Training Courses (STC)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ CWRB noted the captioned report.</li> </ul>
4.7	CB/2013/34	<p><b><u>Report of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWRB noted the captioned report and asked the sub-committee to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct a thorough review of the proposed names of the trades and skills in Schedule 1 of the to-be-amended Ordinance before briefing and consulting the stakeholders of the construction industry</li> <li>● Set priority for reviewing the work descriptions of various trades/skills proposed in amending the Ordinance</li> <li>● adopt a “mixed mode” of consultation (including meetings, letters, briefings, etc.) to collect as much as possible the opinion of the stakeholders on the work descriptions of various trades/skills</li> <li>● report to CWRB in every Board Meeting the progress of the above tasks</li> </ul> </li> <li>- CWRB asked D(T&amp;D)/CIC to start reviewing and revising the trade tests of various trades/skills so as to align with the proposed amendments of Schedule 1 of the Ordinance, and for presenting together with the proposed amendments of the Ordinance to LegCo for vetting.</li> </ul>

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4.8	CB/2013/35	<b><u>Report of the Task Force on Data Analysis</u></b> - CWRB noted the captioned report
5.1	-	<b><u>Other Business: Types of Construction Workers Data Reports to be Provided on a Regular Basis to HKCA for Reference</u></b> - CWRB asked the Task Force on Data Analysis to handle the captioned issue. - Agreed to invite a representative from DevB to join the Task Force on Data Analysis as a co-opted member