

Construction Industry Council

Construction Workers Registration Board

The 3rd meeting of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on 21 March 2013 (Thursday) at 4pm at Conference Room 1, G/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of CWRB 3rd meeting

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	-	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> The amended minutes of the 2 nd CWRB meeting were confirmed (the amended version of the minutes had been circulated to all members on 19 March 2013 by email.)
2.1	CB/2013/14	<u>Staff consultation sessions for WROs' operation on Sundays</u> ~ CWRB noted the opinions of WRO staff collected at consultation sessions and the modes of operation proposed ~ CWRB instructed WRO and WR-Sect to explore the following options: (i) In view of cost-effectiveness, to close the Aberdeen Centre on Sundays as its customer flow is lower than other centres; (ii) Whether staff members should work as part-time or over-time when they take turns to work on Sundays; (iii) Take reference of the point system adopted by the Buildings Department as a way to ease the difficulty of engaging staff members to work on festive or long holidays (iv) To raise the hourly wage of staff members who work on festive or long holidays to HK\$150 or even more

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		~ Based on the findings of the above study, to draft a proposal on the manpower arrangements for providing registration services on Sundays, and then consult all staff of their opinions on the proposal. When a consensus is reached, to calculate extra manpower in need, staff costs and publicity expenses, and to draft a paper together with the selected operation mode for members' consideration in the next meeting
2.2	CB/2013/15	<p><u>To commission Quesco to answer enquiry calls from contractors on installing reading device and system operation</u></p> ~ Vetoed the proposal to commission Quesco to answer enquiry calls from contractors on installing reading device and system operation ~ Resolved instead to request the Information Technology Department to second a staff member to WR-Sect to handle such enquiries
2.3	CB/2013/16	<p><u>To set up a worker registration office at MTR station</u></p> ~ CWRB instructed WR-Sect to confirm with ED/CIC if the captioned proposal comprised the purpose of image building and publicity ~ If not, then CWRB inclined to reject the proposal
3.1	CB/2013/17	<p><u>The last financial report of the then CWRA (1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012)</u></p> CWRB noted the report and instructed WR-Sect to confirm with CIC if the captioned financial report would be submitted by CIC to LegCo for members' review
3.2-3.3	CB/2013/18 CB/2013/19	<p><u>Reports of Workers Registration Offices and Inspection & Enforcement</u></p> The reports of WRO and Inspection & Enforcement were noted.

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3.4	CB/2013/20	<p><u>Reports of the Sub-Committee on Specified Training Courses (STC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ CWRB noted the “Reference Table on Related Trades and Experience Requirements for Provisional Registration” that WRO uses as reference when processing provisional registration applications ~ In relation to the stipulation that provisional registration cannot be renewed, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to locate the minutes of the then Vetting Committee on Provisional Registration, which covers the discussions on the aforesaid table for CWRB members’ information; (ii) to explore the option to allow workers possessing skills of similar trades to apply for provisional registration of another similar trade by means of “common experience” (iii) To study and seek legal advice if workers with expired provisional registration could “re-apply” for registration instead of “renewal” which is currently not allowed by the Ordinance ~ Noted that CWRB member Mr HO Wai-wah would help drafting the outline of STC on Demolition Worker (Unauthorized Building Works) for discussion of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters as well as other stakeholders in the field
3.5	CB/2013/21	<p><u>Report of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters (CRM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Endorsed the proposal of CRM to narrow the scope of adding the registration category of Registered Semi-skilled Worker (RSS) to the designated trades listed on Part I Schedule 1 of the Ordinance to 31 trades only. CWRB also endorsed the principles of adding RSS set out by CRM ~ Agreed to the proposal to form a taskforce to handle issues relating to addition of RSS registration category. Besides members selected from CRM, practitioners of respective trades would also be invited to join the taskforce

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4. & 5.	-	<p><u>Other Items and Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Resolved to set up a taskforce to look after registration data analysis and appointed CWRB member Mr Ivan FU to lead the taskforce~ Instructed WR-Sect to liaise with CIC on recruiting staff to handle registration data analysis~ Agreed to the proposal that the presentation ceremony of the “Scholarship for family members of Construction Workers” (25 September 2013) and the CWRB meeting that follows would be held at Zero Carbon Building~ Noted that the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee on the New Computerized Registration Management System (PSC) had been called~ The next CWRB meeting (22 May 2013) would be held in the Conference Room of the Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors (FEMC) in Tung Wai Commercial Building, Wanchai, and depending on the availability, CWRB meetings thereafter would be held at FEMC