

**Construction Industry Council**

Meeting No. 004/12 of the Construction Industry Council for 2012 was held on Friday, 31 August 2012 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
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Siu-hung CHAN	(SHC)	
		Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Hau-wai CHEUNG	(HWC)	
		Tai-chong CHEW	(TCC)	
		Paul CHONG	(PC)	
		Luen-kiu CHOW	(LKC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Christopher LEUNG	(KYL)	
		Lawrence NG	(LN)	
		Kevin POOLE	(KP)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Bay WONG	(ByW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Chi-sing WAI	(CSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
		Choi-kai AU	(CKA)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance	:	Charmaine WONG	(HWW)	Development Bureau
		Iris CHAN	(IsC)	Hong Kong Housing Authority
		Irene CHENG	(ICG)	Hong Kong Housing Authority
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Charles WONG	(CWG)	Director – Training and Development
		Cheryl IP	(CI)	Senior Manager – Human Resources & Administration
		Katherine TAM	(OKT)	Senior Manager - Finance
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager - Council Services
		Shirley LEE	(SyL)	Manager – Council Services
Apologies		James KWAN	(JK)	
		Tak-ching MAK	(TCM)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
		Mike WONG	(MW)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	
		Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:05pm]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/003/12 and approved the minutes of the open-door session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for 2012 held on Friday, 22 June 2012 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2012**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/P/038/12 and received a briefing by HWC.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 2.2 – Subsequent to Council’s approval, the appointment letters were sent to Co-opted Members in May 2012.
- Item 2.3 – Without financial commitment, Com-CSS issued a letter to HKPU to support a research initiative of logistics enabling technologies for construction industry to manage on-site people/equipment flow and safety through real-time location-based service.
- Item 2.5 – The review report and the proposed revised guidelines would be further revised by HKU Research Team and re-submitted to the Task Force on Working in Hot Weather for comment. A Task Group would be formed under the existing Task Force to find out feasible solutions and formulate an implementation plan to protect workers working in the hot weather conditions.
- Item 2.7 – A safety alert No. 001/12 on Water Pipe Laying Works – Pressure Test (Road Works) was issued on 29 August 2012.
- Item 2.8 – 15 types of high risk construction activities had been identified by the Task Force on Review of Major Construction Method Statements which would be included in the future

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- consultancy study.
- Item 2.9 – Two technical seminars on “Safety of Lift Shaft Works” were successfully organised with overwhelming response. In parallel, the Task Force was reviewing the safety situation for lift shaft works under stage 3 – Throughout Occupation Stage (Volume 3 of the Guidelines).
  - Item 2.10 – Up to April 2012, 13 safety banners had been hoisted at Operation Building Bright sites.
  - Item 2.12 – Construction Safety Week had been completed successfully. A meeting was organised on 28 June 2012 to review the effectiveness of the event.
  - Item 2.13 – The Guidelines on Pay for Safety Scheme would be submitted to the Council for approval at the next scheduled meeting on 26 October 2012.
  - Inspired by the cut-out cops to combat speeding, a Member put forward for consideration whether such new approach could be adopted to promote good housekeeping to reduce site accidents and improve overall safety performance on construction sites.

**Com-CSS**

Members had no comments on other items in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/038/12.

4.11 **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2012**

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/12 and received a briefing by IW.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3 – Com-ENT endorsed the study report of research on establishing a Hong Kong based carbon labeling framework for construction materials. The committee would deliberate how the scheme could be implemented effectively in the construction industry.
- Item 3.4 – Com-ENT agreed to publish the study report of the research on adhesion technologies for external wall tiles. The study report would be available shortly for industry reference on CIC web site. On the other hand, the reference document would not be published since further study would be conducted to provide more solid substantiation on the recommendations. A new task force for phase 2 would be established and the draft outline brief for phase 2 study had been endorsed.

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- Item 3.5 – A new task force would be set up aiming to better manage the movement of construction waste by using automatic monitoring system at construction project level.
- Item 3.6 – Letters had been issued inviting research proposals from research institutes and universities to be submitted before 20 September 2012. The research proposals would be shortlisted and reviewed by Strategic Planning and Steering Committee.

Members had no comments on other items in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/039/12.

*[IsC left the meeting at this juncture.]*

4.12 **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Committee on Subcontracting for 2012**

Members referred to Papers CIC/CMT/P/040/12 and CIC/CMT/P/041/12 and received a verbal report by IW.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Item 3.3 – Proposed by MPFA, Com-SBC supported the amendments to simplify the contribution calculation methods for casual employees joining industry schemes.
- Item 3.5 – Organised by the Task Force on Dispute Resolution Documentation, a consultation meeting was held on 5 July 2012 to seek comments and collect views from major stakeholder groups on the new dispute resolution mechanism as well as the draft rules and procedures. The task force would finalise the draft guidelines for submission to Com-SBC at the next scheduled meeting on 9 October 2012.
- Item 4.2 – A poster would be produced to alert frontline construction workers what they could do to protect their payment rights.

Members had no comments on other items in the Papers CIC/CMT/P/040/12 and CIC/CMT/P/041/12.

*[TC left the meeting at this juncture.]*

4.13 **1<sup>st</sup> Joint Meeting of the Construction Industry Training Board and the Committee on Manpower Training and Development for 2012**

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Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/12 and received a briefing by BW.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Due to a number of overlapping issues and members in both CITB and Com-MTD, joint meetings would be organised to optimise operational efficiency.
- Item 1.3 (ii) – There was a slight downward trend in the average age of registered semi-skilled workers in bar-bending and formwork since the launch of ECMTS.
- Item 1.5 – To be in line with inflation and to attract more youngsters to join the industry, CITB & Com-MTD endorsed the proposal to increase the trainee allowance in 2012/13 training year.
- DEVB would provide a workload projection of public works projects.
- It was reported that the labour deployment record (GF 527) would be standardised for building and civil engineering works.
- Members were advised that some training courses and trade tests might not be fully aligned with the quick development of methods and practices of the industry. A working group would be formed under CITB to conduct a comprehensive and in-depth review of current training courses and trade tests to cater for the current trends and needs of the industry.
- CITB Secretariat would identify the suppliers of construction plants simulators with the purpose of providing enhanced training to new plants operators through simulation.

Members had no comments on other items in the Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/12.

**4.14 Any Other Business**

For record keeping purposes only, Members being unable to attend Council meetings would be requested to complete and return the absence notification form.

**All to note**

**4.15 Tentative Date of Next Meeting 005/12**

The next meeting was scheduled for 26 October 2012 (Friday) at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, Construction Industry Council Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

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