

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Construction Safety**

Meeting No. 003/17 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on Thursday, 31 August 2017 at 2:30 pm at Board Room, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

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Summary Notes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 003/17:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights</b>
3.1	CIC/CSY/R/002/17 (for discussion)	<b>Confirmation of the Progress Report</b> Members confirmed the Progress Report of the previous meeting held on 1 June 2017.
3.2	CIC/CSY/R/002/17 (for discussion)	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b> Agenda item 2.6 - Details were reported under Agenda Item 3.3 (to follow up the Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings (Version 2)).
3.3	CIC/CSY/P/013/17 (for endorsement)	<b>Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings (Version 2) (Re-submission)</b> Members endorsed in principle the Guidelines on the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Cast-in Anchors at External Walls of New Buildings (Version 2) with some minor amendments. The endorsed Guidelines (Version 2) would be submitted to the Council for approval at its next meeting scheduled for 27 October 2017. The CIC Secretariat would arrange for the publication of the Guidelines (Version 2) and associated promotion works upon approval.
3.4	CIC/CSY/P/014/17 (for information)	<b>Progress of the Safety Experience Training Centre (SETC)</b> Representatives from the Consultant gave a presentation on the progress of the SETC. Objectives of SETC included to provide a better safety training, introduce accident experience simulations, enhance safety awareness and revamp the Silver Card training course. Eight training zones would be proposed for SETC, in which “working at height”, “lifting and rigging plant” and “machinery and trapping hazard” were in high priorities of training. After deliberations, some Members raised out the importance

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		of the debriefing and evaluation after the safety experience training. The CIC Secretariat took note of the suggestions and would further discuss and explore the feasibility with our Training & Development Department.
3.5	CIC/CSY/P/015/17 (for information)	<b>Progress of the Experimental Learning on Site Safety 2017-18</b> The CIC would co-organise the Safety Training Scheme with the Hong Kong Construction Association in 2017-18 again and contribute half of the expenses, with a ceiling of HK\$300,000 for train up 500 undergraduates who were studying contraction related programmes from different universities and institutions. The opening ceremony and the first training course would be held on 8 November 2017 at Noah’s Ark of Ma Wan. Members of Com-CSY would be invited to attend the ceremony.
3.6	CIC/CSY/P/016/17 (for information)	<b>Lunch Box Safety Talk in Construction Sites</b> The CIC Secretariat purposed to co-organise the lunch box safety talk (Safety Talk) in construction sites to enhance construction safety to workers with the Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union. After deliberations, Members supported the idea of Safety Talk and noted that CIC would set up an outreach team to enhance site promotion.
3.7	CIC/CSY/P/017/17 (for information)	<b>Fatalities of Construction Industry in 2016</b> Representative from Labour Department (LD) reported that there were 10 fatal industrial accidents in the construction industry in 2016, in which 7 cases of fall of person from height, 2 cases of contact with electricity or electric discharge and 1 case of striking against or struck by moving object. After deliberations, a Member suggested to review and revamp the existing exam framework for application of registered Electrical Worker, as there were only technical skills without safety measures in exam questions. It was agreed that the Development Bureau to follow up with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.
3.8		<b>AOB</b> <b>(a) Fatal Accident on Gillies Avenue South in Hung Hom</b> Regarding the fatal accident on Gillies Avenue South in Hung Hom, LD has formed a Working Group (WG) and targeted to publish a “Guidance Notes on Safety and Health of Hand Dug Tunnel” by end of 2017. CIC would not form a Task Force on this issue to avoid the job duplication but will assign a representative to attend the captioned meeting.

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		<p><b>(b) Guidelines on Planking Arrangement for Providing Working Platforms on Bamboo Scaffolds (Version 2)</b>            The Guidelines on Planking Arrangement for Providing Working Platforms on Bamboo Scaffolds (Version 2) was approved in the Council meeting on 25 August 2017. The Guidelines and the revised Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety were published by the CIC and LD respectively on 1 September 2017. Jointly organised by the CIC and LD, two seminars on Bamboo Scaffolding Safety would be held on 3 and 11 October 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and CIC Zero Carbon Building respectively.</p> <p><b>[Post Meeting Notes:</b> CIC Secretariat has received overwhelming responses from stakeholders, i.e. over 1,000 people has registered these two seminars and one third of the participants for the evening session will be workers and site supervisors.]</p> <p><b>(c) Construction Safety Week 2017</b>            The Construction Safety Week 2017 would be held from 21 to 26 September 2017. Activities include Kick-off Ceremony cum Conference and Temporary Works Excellence Award Presentation, Carnival, Site Visits and 23rd Construction Safety Week Considerate Contractors Site (CCSAS) Award Presentation Ceremony. Com-CSY Members were invited to join, especially the Kick-off Ceremony, Carnival and break a new Guinness World Record in the Carnival.</p> <p><b>[Post Meeting Note:</b> Around 600 people attended the Conference, over 3,000 people participated the Carnival, over 320 people have enrolled to visit 9 exemplary work sites, and over 1,000 people attended the CCSAS Award Presentation Ceremony. In addition, 519 participants formed the world's "Largest Human Image of a Safety Vest" to demonstrate the unity of the construction industry in promoting construction safety. The attempt was recognised by Guinness World Records.]</p> <p><b>(d) Holistic Review for Promotion of Construction Safety by the CIC</b>            Holistic review for promotion of construction safety by the CIC included safety elements in CIC training courses and trade testing, CIC safety training for stakeholders, carrot and sticks for all levels</p>

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		<p>of stakeholders (from management to workers) and promotion of site safety awareness down to worker level and for all ethnicity. Com-CSY Members were welcomed to give comments on this proposal by email.</p> <p><b>[Post Meeting Note:</b> CIC Secretariat shared the PowerPoint of the “holistic review for promotion of construction safety by the CIC” with Com-CSY Members by email on 1 September 2017 and did not receive any comments by 15 September 2017. A power point presentation was made in Com-ANF on 22 September 2017.]</p>

*Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Safety and the full progress report can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*