

**Construction Industry Council**

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Construction Industry Council for 2009 was held on Friday, 27 February 2009 at 2:30 pm at Room 1201, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central.

Present	:	Keith KERR	(KK)	Chairman
		Russell BLACK	(RB)	
		Francis BONG	(FB)	
		Andrew CHAN	(AC)	
		Tat-tong CHEUNG	(TTC)	
		James CHIU	(JC)	
		Chun-wa CHOI	(CWC)	
		Thomas HO	(TH)	
		Thomas KWOK	(TK)	
		Wo-hei LAM	(WHL)	
		Shing-see LEE	(SSL)	
		Chun-yuen TSE	(CYT)	
		Koon-sun WAN	(KSW)	
		Billy WONG	(BW)	
		Conrad WONG	(CW)	
	C K MAK	(CKM)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)	
	Ada FUNG	(AF)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)	
	Siu-tong LAM	(STL)	for Director of Buildings	
In Attendance	:	Alan AU	(AA)	Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Works) 1
		Christopher TO	(CT)	Executive Director
		Theresa CHAN	(TCN)	Senior Manager (Finance & E-Services)
		Ivan WONG	(IW)	Senior Manager (Council Services) 2
		Phoebe LEUNG	(PLG)	Manager (Council Services) 2
Apologies	:	Teresa CHENG	(TC)	
		Stanley HUI	(SH)	
		Jan-ming KO	(JMK)	
		Edgar KWAN	(EK)	
		Peter LEE	(PL)	
		Wai-wai YU	(WWY)	

**MINUTES**

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**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/M/013/08 and approved the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for 2007-08 held on Friday, 19 December 2008 at Murray Building.

**1.2 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

**1.2.1 Internal auditor**

The recruitment process is in progress.

**1.2.2 Reference library listing construction-related research projects**

The reference list was prepared and submitted to Members for internal use.

**1.2.3 Promulgation of guidelines to the private sector**

The Committee on Procurement had an initial discussion on the subject. Further deliberations are pending.

**1.2.4 Progress on discussion of security of payment**

The progress was reported under Agenda item 1.5.

**1.3 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment and Technology for 2009**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/001/09.

The Committee was contemplating the commissioning of two research projects, namely research on river sand substitutes and research on adhesion technologies and fixing methods for external wall tiles. A task force was formed to define the scope of the latter research for further consideration by the Committee.

Mr Y C CHAN, the Chairman of the Task Force on Construction Standards for Infrastructure, presented the initial findings and recommendations by the Task Force on the unification of specifications for materials and workmanship which would be

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presented to CIC at the following meeting. Mr Y C CHAN also briefed the Committee on the use of Eurocodes.

**Com-ENT**

**1.4 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Procurement for 2009**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/002/09.

On the application of contract price fluctuations, the Committee received presentations from the Housing Department and the MTR Corporation. As to the ICAC proposal on the formulation of a Consultants' List and Cost Database, informal meetings would be convened to further deliberate on the proposal.

The Committee identified the following possible means for implementation of the Guidelines on Partnering:

- (a) a Code of (Best) Practice stating the CIC's standpoint in endorsing partnering and that the industry should adopt partnering by complying with the requirements stated therein; or
- (b) a set of Guidelines recommending the practicable means of adopting partnering on a voluntary basis.

Some Members agreed in principle that an assertive approach should be taken to promulgate the CIC guidelines. On the other hand, some Members opined that it might be difficult for industry stakeholders to implement some guidelines due to technical constraints or commercial considerations and therefore implementation on a voluntary basis would be more practicable. As such, committees should deliberate and recommend on the mode of promulgation for different sets of guidelines. The Com-ANF would also deliberate on how to promulgate the CIC guidelines.

**Com-ANF**

**1.5 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Subcontracting for 2009**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/003/09.

The Committee deliberated on possible measures for security of payment and prioritised four areas for an in-depth study, namely dispute resolution mechanisms, protection of workers' wages, contract-based subcontracting and retention money. The Committee would report on the above measures after further deliberations.

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Members endorsed the Committee's recommendation to manage the Voluntary Subcontractor Registration Scheme directly through the CIC on or before 31 December 2009 and to wind up PCICB Registration Limited upon completion of the necessary formalities.

**Com-SBC**

*[Post-meeting notes: the Com-ANF approved the proposal at its meeting held on 6 March 2009.]*

1.6 **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2009**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/004/09.

Tender documents on set-up works for Tin Shui Wai Training Ground were being prepared. CITB anticipated that the Training Ground would be ready for training programmes in April 2009.

Arrangements for courses on heritage conservation were in the pipeline. CITB is in discussion with the Government to work out suitable course content to address the relevant training needs.

1.7 **8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Manpower Training and Development for 2007-08**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/005/09.

The manpower research for the construction industry of Hong Kong is progressing and its interim report would be available in early March 2009 for deliberation by the Committee.

The Committee agreed to appoint a consultant to study the definition of "site supervisors" and their scope of work to form a basis for the review of a prospective mandatory registration scheme. The brief is now being prepared.

1.8 **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Site Safety for 2007-08**

Members took note of the Paper CIC/CMT/P/006/09.

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1.9 **Any Other Business**

Mr NG Koon-kwan has tendered his resignation as a member of CIC to the Secretary for Development with effect from 3 February 2009. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr NG for his contributions to CIC.

The Chairman advised that future CIC meetings needed to focus on discussion papers in addition to receiving updates on work progress from committees and other housekeeping issues for CIC. The CIC Secretariat was requested to coordinate with the committees to prepare and submit discussion papers in due course.

**CIC  
Secretariat**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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