

**Construction Industry Council**

**Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments**

Meeting No. 002/17 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Monday, 15 May 2017 at 4pm at Conference Room, Hong Kong Construction Association, 16/F, 180 – 182 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

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Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 002/17:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights</b>
2.1	CIC/ICA/R/001/17	<b><u>Confirmation of Progress Report of the Last Meeting</u></b> The minutes of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting in 2017 held on 23 February 2017 were confirmed.
2.2		<b><u>Matter Arising from the Last Meeting</u></b> The Secretariat sent (i) Consultancy Services for Establishing an Accreditation Framework for Qualifying Skilled Workers for the Hong Kong Construction Industry - Interim Report (Stage 2); (ii) the latest application and registration numbers of Senior Workers Registration Arrangement; and (iii) the number of construction sites using and daily attendance records collected from the Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS) to the Members via e-mail in March 2017.
2.3	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<b><u>Progress Report on Benchmark Study of Non-local Workers' Skill Certificates</u></b> The representatives of the Centre for Innovation in Construction and Infrastructure Development of the Hong Kong University (HKU) briefed the progress of Consultancy Services for Establishing an Accreditation Framework for Qualifying Skilled Workers for the Hong Kong Construction Industry - Interim Report (Stage 2).
2.4	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<b><u>Number of Applications for Registration of Skilled &amp; Semi-skilled Workers through Senior Worker Registration Arrangement and Trade Tests</u></b> Members took note that as of 30 April 2017, assessments of all 111,072 applications for registration through the Senior Workers Registration Arrangement were completed. Among all applications, 94% were approved with workers registration cards issued, 4% were rejected/cancelled, 2% required additional information to be submitted by the applicants. Among the 104,179 approved applications, 90.3% applied for one to two trade divisions, 7.8% applied for three-and 1.9% applied for more than three trade divisions. The total number of new applications for registration and changing status from registered general workers to skilled/semi-skilled workers through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and Trade Testing was 102,844. Of which new applications accounted for 19,968 and

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		status change from general workers to skilled/semi-skilled workers accounted for 82,876.
2.5	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<p><b><u>Review the Number of Registrations of Skilled &amp; Semi-skilled Workers</u></b> Members took note that as of 30 April 2017, the number of registered general workers, registered semi-skilled workers and registered skilled workers was 217,666, 23,535 and 197,892 respectively. There were 816 registered skilled workers (provisional) and 21 registered semi-skilled workers (provisional). The CIC confirmed to submit a proposal to DEVB to suspend the registration of skilled and semi-skilled workers (provisional) with effect 12 months the date of publication of notice in Gazette at the end of 2017.</p>
2.6	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<p><b><u>Promotion and Education on “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Provision</u></b> Members took note that the Launching Ceremony of the Implementation of DWDS Provision was successfully held on 31 March 2017. The Secretariat would keep promoting DWDS through seminars, briefing sessions, advertisements on industry publications, etc. The DWDS mobile app had been launched for free download.</p>
2.7	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<p><b><u>Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS)</u></b> Members took note that as of 8 May 2017, 55.7% active construction sites had adopted CWRS. In view of the full implementation of the CWRS on 30 September 2017, the Secretariat would put more effort to promote CWRS to contractors.</p>
2.8	CIC/ICA/P/003/17 (for information)	<p><b><u>Progress Report on Trade Test Services</u></b> Members took note that works done by Trade Test Centre in 2015 and 2016 in accordance with the “Designated workers for designated skills”. Members also took note that 19,340 trade tests were conducted in 2016 and 7,873 trade tests were conducted during January to April 2017. The overall passing rate of 2016 was approximately 65%. Trade Testing Center continued to carry out various measures to enhance the services.</p>
2.9	Any Other Business	<p><b><u>Consultancy Services for Establishing an Accreditation Framework for Qualifying Skilled Workers for the Hong Kong Construction Industry - Interim Report (Stage 2)</u></b> HKU expanded the scope of the study from accreditation framework to qualification framework. The Co-Chairman concerned whether SGICA should adopt their suggestions and the suggestions might have a far-reaching impact on CWRO. Chairman requested Secretariat to draft the way forward of the report for the SGICA Chairmen’s consideration.</p>

**Remarks:** *The mentioned papers discussed at the Steering Group of Implementation of CWRO Amendments can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*