

**Construction Industry Council**

Meeting No. 006/20 of the Construction Industry Council for 2020 was held on Friday, 18 December 2020 at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Present:	CHAN Ka-kui	(KKCh)	Chairman
	CHAN Chi-chiu *	(CCC)	
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
	CHUNG Kwok-fai *	(CKFi)	
	Ivan FU Chin-shing *	(FI)	
	Ada FUNG Yin-suen	(AF)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing	(ELM)	
	Amy LEE Sau-king	(LSK)	
	Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee *	(RyL)	
	LI Tat-wai *	(LTW)	
	LO Hong-kam *	(LHK)	
	Kenneth MO Kon-fei *	(KM)	
	Derrick PANG Yat-bond *	(DP)	
	Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
	Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
	Ken WONG Kin-wai *	(KnW)	
	Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan	(EWYL)	
	YU Sai-yen	(SYYu)	
	Ringo YU Shek-man	(RiYu)	
	LAM Sai-hung	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	Connie YEUNG Kwong-yim *	(CYG)	for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
	YU Tak-cheung *	(TCY)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance:	Francis CHAU	(DS3)	Development Bureau
	Susanne WONG (attended Agenda item 6.21.1 only)	(PAS1)	Development Bureau
	Vera CHAN *	(VCML)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
	Miranda YEAP	(MYP)	Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Amy FUNG (AyF) Manager – Corporate Secretariat

*\* attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams*

Apologies: CHAN Pat-kan (CPK)  
PAN Shujie (PSJ)

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:15pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/005/20 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2020 held on Friday, 23 October 2020 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**6.23 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting  
(Open-door Session)**

Nil.

**6.24 Verbal Report for the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Building  
Information Modelling for 2020**

As detailed summary notes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 would only be provided to Members at the next Council Meeting, AF took the opportunity to brief Members on the following gist of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Building Information Modelling for 2020:

- (a) a Task Force on BIM Submissions to the Buildings Department would be formed with DEVB's participation;
- (b) the BIM Adoption Survey 2020 was completed which revealed that BIM training for subcontractors and BIM reviewer training would be important;
- (c) Members received the progress update on the "CIC BIM Standards – General (Version 2 – December 2020)" and the subsequent follow up actions (e.g. arrangement of relevant seminars and training);
- (d) a Special Task Group on BIM Training for Higher Education (in Hong Kong) would be set up under the Task Force on BIM Training to develop BIM reviewer trainings and to coordinate BIM development in institutions;

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- (e) a DEVB Technical Circular (Works) would be issued in December 2020 and effective on 1 January 2021. The Circular would enhance the implementation requirements for BIM adoption and extend the scope of mandatory BIM uses;
- (f) “CIC BIM Competition 2021” just launched on the CIC website;
- (g) OpenBIM training and certification programme would be explored; and
- (h) Autodesk would offer a special discount of subscription fee for Hong Kong industry stakeholders.

AF suggested to organise a launching ceremony for:

- a series of new CIC BIM Standards;
- the upcoming DEVB Technical Circular (Works); and
- new BIM initiatives from the industry, etc.

In response to the Chairman’s concern on BIM adoption for construction by contractors, AF said that BIM was a process and not a model where the information management was important. It was necessary to prepare the industry step by step for BIM adoption and develop a series of training programmes and training packages to tailor for different needs of the whole industry (including clients/developers/employers, professionals, contractors and subcontractors), in particular the BIM reviewer training for subcontractors to facilitate their smooth adoption of BIM.

Members received AF’s report without further comments.

[CYG joined the meeting online at this juncture.]

**6.25 Summary Notes of 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme for 2020**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/140/20.

CCC highlighted the major items as follows:

- Item 4.3 – Members approved the establishment of a temporary task force with three members (i.e. Ir CHAN Chi-

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chiu, Sr Thomas HO Kwok-kwan and Ir Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee) to review the case referred from the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption and to propose appropriate action by the Committee.

- Items 4.4 – the Committee supported the establishment of a new programme on “Certificate in Construction Specialist Trades Management” for management and site supervisory staff of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors and Registered Subcontractors to enhance their specialist trade knowledge and to strengthen their professional conduct and project management concepts.
- Item 4.5(b) – the Committee approved to include “Plastering” as the eighth designated trade to the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Scheme) with effect from 1 January 2021.
- Items 4.5(c) – the “Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme Leadership Summit 2020” had been successfully held online on 27 November 2020 (PM) with 248 participants.
- Items 4.7 – the fourth regulatory hearing of 2020 was conducted. A total of five registered companies were sanctioned with suspension of registration due to fatal site accidents.

The Chairman expressed appreciation for the good effort of CCC and the Committee in promoting the Scheme.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/140/20 without comments.

**6.26 Summary Notes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2020**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/141/20.

SYYu highlighted the major item as follow:

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- Item 6.5 – The Repair, Maintenance, Alterations and Additions (RMAA) training courses were essential to industry development as RMAA works contributed almost a quarter of the total construction expenditure. As such, Members agreed to establish a new Task Force under the Construction Industry Training Board to review the RMAA training related matters. Sr Eddie LAM Kin-wing would be the Chairperson of the Task Force.

SYYu summarised Board Members' concerns on RMAA works as follows:

- (a) RMAA works were mostly performed by registered general workers. These workers might be further trained and upgraded to registered semi-skilled workers in the long run;
- (b) "Renovation" and "Repair" belonged to minor works projects and were quite often associated with safety issues. As the nature of "Renovation" and "Repair" were different from "Alterations" and "Additions", it might be necessary to review the training needs for these two works categories separately; and
- (c) currently, RMAA works were not yet covered by the "Designated Workers for Designated Skills" requirement under Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583). This might be an appropriate time to review this arrangement.

After deliberation, Members' comments were summarised as follows:

- (a) safety and quality were main concerns in RMAA works;
- (b) the idea to provide skills training to upgrade general workers for RMAA works to semi-skills workers was supported;
- (c) the COVID-19 has alerted the industry stakeholders on the importance to enhance the technical skills and professional knowledge of workers engaged in drainage renovation works;
- (d) the quality of "Renovation" works and "Repair" works was respectively monitored by client/developer and management companies. As such, the deviation in quality of "Renovation"

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- and “Repair” works might be attributable to the discrepancy in quality/standard requirement between client/developer and management companies; and
- (e) the skills standard of all industry practitioners should be enhanced, irrespective of the nature and scale of works projects that they were engaged in.

After deliberation, Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/141/20 without further comments.

**6.27 Summary Notes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2020**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/142/20.

KM highlighted the following:

- Item 3.10 – the number of registered workers increased by about 67,000 (including 59,000 registered general workers, 2,000 registered semi-skilled workers and 6,000 registered skilled workers) in 2020. The 59,000 registered general workers represented a 25% annual growth and they were in need of proper training to advance their skills to semi-skilled and skilled workers.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/142/20 without comments.

**6.28 Any Other Business**

**6.28.1** LSK expressed concerns on the recent fatal site accidents and suggested to increase the number of site inspections by safety supervisors. LSK also appealed to employers to offer, e.g. a 15-min break for site workers who had to wear face masks to work under hot weather.

In response to LSK’s concern, the Chairman reported to Members that CIC had sent a letter to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare on 16 December 2020 to express views of the industry stakeholders

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on “Raising the Penalties under the Occupational Safety and Health legislation”. CIC would continue to follow up on construction safety matters. DP supplemented that a brainstorm session and a large scale webinar would be arranged shortly after Christmas holidays to discuss the matter.

**6.28.2** In response to KKCEN’s enquiry on the work progress of DEVB on the Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL), PSW replied that he would advise further on the timetable for disclosure of relevant details to industry practitioners.

**PSW**

**6.28.3** CTN updated Members on the launching of the Technically Competent Persons Registration Scheme on 18 December 2020.

**6.28.4** The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Ir Ringo YU Shek-man for his valuable contributions to CIC and dedication to the construction industry. Ir Ringo YU Shek-man would have served as a Council Member for 6 years on 31 January 2021 (i.e. 1 February 2015 to 31 January 2021).

**6.28.5 CIC Event Calendar (11 February – 12 March 2021)**

MYP briefed Members on the forthcoming major events of CIC as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event (Venue)</b>
11 February – 12 March	Construction Industry Virtual Happy Run 2021 (Participants could plan their own race)
27 February – 1 March	HKIC Sheung Shui Campus Open Day (Sheung Shui Campus)



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**6.29 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 001/21**

The next meeting was scheduled for 26 February 2021 (Friday) at **All to note** 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.