

**Construction Industry Council**

Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 003/20 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on 9 December 2020 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm via Video Conference.

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Summary Notes of the CWRB Meeting No. 003/20:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
3.1	CIC/CRB/M/002/20	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Members confirmed the minutes of Meeting No. 002/20.
3.3	CIC/CRB/P/014/20 (for approval)	<b>Nominations for the Construction Workers Qualifications Board</b> (a) The CWRB approved the appointment of Ar. Franklin YU as the Chairperson of the Construction Workers Qualifications Board from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022, following his tenure as CWRB Member.  (b) The CWRB approved the appointment of the following ten new nominees whose terms of office will be from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022: (i) Mr. HON Ka-ming (ii) Sr Dr. HUI Ken (iii) Ar. LEUNG Tat-yung, Arthur (iv) Mr. LO Cheuk-pui (v) Mr. NGAI Man-kin (vi) The person holding the office of Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 6, Development Bureau (vii) The person holding the office of Senior Manager/Procurement 3, Housing Department

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(viii) The person holding the office of Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Electricity Legislation, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department</li><li>(ix) The person holding the office of Deputy Chief Occupational Safety Officer (Training), Labour Department</li><li>(x) The person holding the office of Senior Engineer/Works Audit, Highways Department</li></ul> <p>(c) The CWRB Secretariat will follow up with the Development Bureau to publish the appointment in the Gazette according to the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (CWRO).</p>
3.4	CIC/CRB/P/015/20 (for approval)	<p><b>Nominations for the Construction Workers Review Board</b></p> <p>(a) The CWRB approved the following nominees for the appointment of the new term of the Construction Workers Review Board. The term of office will be from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Mr. CHENG Wai-lap</li><li>(ii) Ir FONG Wai-pan, Felix</li><li>(iii) Mr. HO Kang-fook</li><li>(iv) Mr. LAW Ping-kwan</li><li>(v) Mr. SIN Wing-ning</li><li>(vi) Ar. WONG Chi-kwong, Tony</li><li>(vii) Sr WONG Kin-wai, Staw</li><li>(viii) Mr. WONG Ping</li><li>(ix) The person holding the office of Principle Assistant Secretary(Works) 1, Development Bureau</li></ul> <p>(b) The CWRB Secretariat will follow up with the Development Bureau to publish the appointment in the Gazette according to the CWRO.</p>

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3.5	CIC/CRB/P/016/20 (for approval)	<p data-bbox="674 323 2087 395"><b>Tender for the New Procurement Contract of Construction Workers Registration Cards and Variation Order under the Current Contract</b></p> <p data-bbox="674 403 2087 515">(a) The current three-year supply contract for construction workers registration cards (registration cards) will expire on 4 August 2021. The CWRB approved to call for tenders for supply and delivery of registration cards for three years from August 2021 to July 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="674 563 2087 715">(b) Due to the upsurge of the total number of workers registration in the second half of 2020, the consumption of the registration cards was higher than the original estimation. The CWRB approved to issue variation order of 100,000 registration cards under the current contract to cater for the operation needs.</p>
3.6	CIC/CRB/P/017/20 (for approval)	<p data-bbox="674 764 1429 799"><b>The new CIC Kowloon Bay Service Centre Project</b></p> <p data-bbox="674 807 2087 1038">(a) Since the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC) will be relocated from Kowloon Bay Campus to CIC-Zero Carbon Park in mid-2021, management initiated to upgrade Kowloon Bay Service Centre by relocating it from the Kowloon Bay Campus reception area to the original CITAC area. The new CIC Kowloon Bay Service Centre will be more spacious for workers to obtain information about the CIC and industry while enjoying one-stop course and trade test application as well as workers registration services.</p> <p data-bbox="674 1086 2087 1238">(b) Management has also introduced various contactless means for workers registration to enhance services for workers. Together with the upgrade plan for the new Kowloon Bay Service Centre, the Tsing Yi Service Centre, currently serving about 19% of total counter services, will be closed in Q3 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="674 1286 2087 1358">(c) With Members' support to upgrade services to workers and to better utilise CIC space and staff resources, the CWRB approved the new CIC Kowloon Bay Service Centre Project. The CWRB</p>

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		also approved the budget for the design and build work for the new service centre as well as restoration work of the Tsing Yi Service Centre.
3.7	CIC/CRB/P/018/20 (for information)	<p><b>Report of Sub-committee on Data Analysis Meeting No. 002/20</b></p> <p>(a) Projected from data from the daily attendance record (DAR) in the Construction Workers Registration System and telephone survey results, 345,413 registered workers were engaged in the construction industry (total number of registered workers in September 2020: 537,263).</p> <p>(b) Members took note of the different methodologies adopted by the Sub-committee on Data Analysis on the number of “workers engaged in the construction industry”, by the Census and Statistics Department on the employment related statistics and survey conducted by a trade union. As such the results revealed different aspects of the construction work force and could not be compared directly.</p> <p>(c) The number of newly registered workers has risen significantly in 2020. Analysis on the new registrants showed that majority of the new registrants were registered general workers. Among the newly registered skilled and semi-skilled workers, the top three trades held by the workers were Electricians, Plant and Equipment Operators and Construction Goods Vehicle Drivers.</p>
3.9	CIC/CRB/P/019/20 (for information)	<p><b>Report of Sub-committee on Workers Development and Welfare Meeting No. 002/20</b></p> <p>(a) To summarise the work program of 2020, despite due to the COVID-19 epidemic, physical visits and seminars of the Construction Workers Festival 2020 being cancelled, and the Medical Examination Scheme for Construction Workers being suspended, the Workers Registration Office distributed more than 50,400 anti-epidemic care packs to workers at the CIC Service Centres from March to July 2020.</p>

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		<p>(b) The Construction Workers Credit Card was launched in September 2020.</p> <p>(c) 503 applications were received for the Scholarship for Family Members of Registered Construction Workers 2020 (246 applications in 2019, increased by 104%). 30 awards were presented at the award presentation ceremony which was successfully held on 31 October 2020.</p> <p>(d) 5,819 applications were received for the first Construction Workers Professional Development Scheme. 186 awards were presented at the award presentation ceremony held online on 29 November 2020.</p> <p>(e) Looking forward to 2021, the Workers Registration Office will distribute festive gifts to workers. The theme of the Construction Workers Festival 2021 will be “personal development” and “personal health”. A series of events and activities will be held to focus on workers’ safety and technology skills development, personal health awareness relating to eyes and ears, family activities as well as psychological health.</p>
3.10	CIC/CRB/P/020/20 (for information)	<p><b>Report of Workers Registration Office</b></p> <p>(a) Total number of workers with valid registration as of 31 October 2020 was 541,572, comprising 209,059 registered skilled workers, 32,902 registered semi-skilled workers and 299,611 registered general workers.</p> <p>(b) In October 2020, a promotion SMS was sent to the newly registered general workers about the General Workers to Intermediate Tradesman Skill Enhancement Courses organised by the Hong Kong Institute of Construction, in order to encourage the newly registered general workers to enhance their skill level.</p>

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3.11	CIC/CRB/P/021/20 (for information)	<p><b>Report of Inspection and Enforcement</b></p> <p>(a) From January to October in 2020, a total of 1,106 construction sites and 10,664 workers registration cards were inspected. A total of 2,108 workers’ daily attendance records were checked.</p> <p>(b) A total of 249 prosecution summonses were issued from January to October in 2020.</p> <p>(c) From January to October in 2020, a total of 18 seminars on “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” and “Construction Workers Registration System” were held. A total of 276 industry practitioners attended.</p> <p>(d) The CWRB Secretariat will further strengthen the publicity and education to the industry for understanding and complying with the CWRO, especially the requirements for submitting daily attendance records.</p>
3.13	CIC/CRB/P/023/20 (for information)	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>(a) Members took note that a review on the Register of Construction Workers would be carried out and more information would be provided to Members once ready.</p> <p>(b) Members took note of the various registration management under various ordinances related to the construction industry.</p>

*Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the CWRB and/or the full meeting minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*