

**Construction Industry Council**

Meeting No. 002/21 of the Construction Industry Council for 2021 was held on Friday, 23 April 2021 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)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	Thomas HO On-sing	(TH)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing	(ELM)	
	Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee *	(RyL)	
	LI Tat-wai *	(LTW)	
	LO Hong-kam *	(LHK)	
	LO LEE Oi-lin *	(OLLL)	
	Kenneth MO Kon-fei	(KM)	
	MOW Tai-hing	(THM)	
	PAN Shujie	(PSJ)	
	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)	
	LAM Sai-hung	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	YU Tak-cheung	(TCY)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance:	Angela LEE	(DS1)	Development Bureau
	Vera CHAN *	(VCML)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Richard PANG	(RPg)	Director – Industry Development
	Stephen HO	(SnH)	Assistant Director – Industry Development & Estates Office
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
	LEE Oi-yen *	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration & Technology Fund

Miranda YEAP (MYP) Senior Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Senia HO (SaH) Manager – Corporate Secretariat

Apologies: Stephen LEUNG Kin-man (SLKM) for Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

*\* attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams*

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 4:40pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/21 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2021 held on Friday, 26 February 2021 at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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

Nil.

**2.25 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction  
Business Development for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/21.

LKP, Chairperson of the Com-CBD highlighted the following five items:

- The application deadline for the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2021 would be 31 July 2021. LKP appealed to Members to support the event and to submit entries.
- The development project at Xiji Island (西基島) was running smoothly. The scale/scope of the joint project would hopefully be extended to cover Qianhai (前海).
- LKP updated Members on the development progress of the Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL). The CIC has been working closely with the DEVB on the SOPL implementation.
- The study on Sustainable Construction Volume and Resources

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Utilisation had been renamed as “Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity”. The tendering exercise of the study was in progress and the tender would be awarded in April 2021.

- The Com-CBD Retreat had been held on 17 April 2021. The 3-year Strategic Plan of the Committee would be formulated accordingly.

In response to FI’s enquiry about the setting up of a CIC Liaison Office in the Greater Bay Area, LKP and PSW gave some latest information on such project for Members’ reference. Members noted that the setting up of a Liaison Office as a physical entity with day-to-day operations in the Mainland would make the business collaboration and development more effective.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/041/21 without further comments.

**2.26 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/21.

DP highlighted the following six items:

- The Com-CSY, after a Brainstorming Session on 2 March 2021, came up with five major areas for improving safety performance in the industry.
- On the promotion of construction safety, the responsible Subcommittee has been working on a number of initiatives to strengthen the industry workers/practitioners/stakeholders’ awareness on safety.
- The Subcommittee on Safety Training had been tasked to explore the development of safety training courses for professionals and professional bodies in the industry.
- The Guidelines on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds’ Safety

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Enhancement and Notification Arrangement would be published soon.

- The existing Pay for Safety Scheme had been reviewed. Two items, namely (1) Task-tied payment items; and (2) Performance-tied payment items had been developed as suggestions to replace the current ones for consideration by relevant parties.
- On the matter of Raising Penalties of the Occupational Safety and Health Legislation, the Com-CSY had already met with the representatives of the Labour Department (LD). The industry stakeholders' concerns had been relayed to the LD during the meeting.

TH raised some questions on the design for safety, the provision of safety training for MiC/DfMA managers/supervisors and workers/practitioners, etc. The Chairman advised that the matter of training should be taken up by the CITB and the HKIC.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/21 without further comments.

**2.27 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/21.

FI highlighted the following five items:

- FI updated Members on the work of the CIC Sustainable Construction Certification Scheme for Green Finance, focusing on green loan, sustainability loan and green guarantee. The Com-ENV had initially communicated with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Financial Services Development Council and the Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited on green finance of the construction industry.
- On the CIC Carbon Assessment Tool (CAT), the Committee

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has been working actively on the promotion of CAT adoption and the provision of CAT training.

- The Committee had strengthened its collaboration with different organisations in the industry, such as the BEAM Society.
- The Com-ENV Retreat for formulation of the 3-year Strategic Plan of the Committee, had been scheduled for 5 May 2021.
- FI remarked that the Com-ENV would keep an eye on the potential collaboration/development opportunities in the Greater Bay Area on green construction, sustainability, etc.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/21 without comments.

[PSJ left the meeting at this juncture.]

**2.28 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/21.

CCC, Chairperson of the Com-RSC highlighted the following four items:

- The Committee has been working on two cases referred by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). They would be handled by the Temporary Task Force for reporting to the Committee.
- The 2021 Activities Plan had been approved by the Com-RSC. The activities would cover the development of the Young Leaders Network, the launching of the Integrity Charter (with the support of the DEVB and the ICAC), etc.
- The updated number of registered companies was 7,504, including 1,912 registered specialist trade contractors of eight designated trades and 5,592 registered subcontractors of non-

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designated trades.

- The first regulatory hearing of 2021 had been conducted. Cases had been processed as per the scheduled practice.

For the group of “non-designated trade” registered subcontractors, the Chairman suggested that the Com-RSC might need to review and, where necessary, tighten the registration requirements. CCC stated that his Committee would duly look at the matter at the Retreat to be held in May 2021.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/21 without further comments.

**2.29 Summary Notes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/21.

SYYu, Chairperson of the CITB highlighted the following three items:

- The Board had approved the subsidising scheme for training places of the “VTC Diploma of Vocational Education”. Subject to the progress of Qualifications Framework accreditation of the HKIC courses, the future need for such subsidising scheme would be reviewed.
- The Board had approved to establish the register of Recognised Employers of Construction Industry Council Approved Technical Talents Programmes. SYYu briefed Members on the operation and implementation details of the register.
- SYYu updated Members on the five key directions of the Development Plan of Apprenticeship Training of Construction Industry for the next three years, which had been approved by the CITB for implementation.

Members discussed on the long-term sustainability of construction

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workers (general, semi-skilled and skilled). They considered that workers' mentality, in addition to skills and craftsmanship, should also be improved in order to uphold quality and professionalism of the industry.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/21 without further comments.

[DP left the meeting (online) at this juncture.]

**2.30 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/046/21.

KM, Chairperson of the CWRB highlighted the following two items:

- As at February 2021, the total number of registered workers was 555,306. There was an increase of around 66,000 registered workers over the year.
- According to the Census and Statistics Department, the unemployment rate of the construction sector of January 2021 and February 2021 was 11% and 11.4% respectively; the upward trend of unemployment has persisted.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/046/21 without comments.

**2.31 Any Other Business**

**2.31.1 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CISVP Committee for 2021**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/047/21 tabled at the meeting.

The Chairman highlighted the following three items:



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- The CISVP Committee had recently formed four Task Forces to work on different areas, namely
  - General Sports Task Force;
  - Ball Games Task Force;
  - Volunteering and Caring Organisation Task Force; and
  - Promotion and Fundraising Task Force.
- The Construction Industry Virtual Happy Run 2021 had been successfully held during mid-February – mid-March 2021. The event was well received by industry practitioners and the public.
- The Construction Industry Lo Pan Rice Campaign continued. The Chairman appealed to Members to support such a meaningful Campaign.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/047/21 without comments.

**2.31.2 CIC Event Calendar (May – June 2021)**

MYP briefed Members on the following forthcoming major events:

30 April – 2 May 2021

**Coffee and Busking @ZCP Market**

(CIC – Zero Carbon Park)

31 May 2021

**Ceremony for Completion of Development Project of the HKIC Campuses**

(HKIC – Sheung Shui Campus)

11 & 12 June 2021

**CIC BIM Competition**

(CIC BIM Space and CIC – Zero Carbon Park)

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26 June 2021

**CIC Young Construction Conference and  
Construction Industry Outstanding Young Person  
Award Presentation Ceremony 2021**  
(Hotel ICON in Tsim Sha Tsui)

**2.32 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 003/21**

The next meeting was scheduled for 18 June 2021 (Friday) at 2:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.