

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme

Meeting No. 002/21 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2021 was held on 9 June 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 002/21:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/RSC/M/001/21 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Meeting No. 001/21 held on 10 March 2021.
2.2	-	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Nil.
2.3	-	Development of Professional Diploma in Construction for Specialist Trades Members supported the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) to set up a new programme on Professional Diploma in Construction for Specialist Trades, which intended to equip HKIC's graduates of Diploma in Construction with relevant knowledge and skills to becoming site supervisors of specialist trades. Members exchanged views on the programme framework and bridging arrangement etc. for HKIC's reference.
2.4	CIC/RSC/P/018/21 (for information)	Progress Report on Temporary Task Force Members took note the progress of the two cases referred from the ICAC. Having followed-up with the ICAC and consulted the legal adviser, the Temporary Task Force would meet the concerned Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and recommend Com-RSC the appropriate follow-up action.

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2.5	CIC/RSC/P/019/21 (for endorsement)	3-Year Strategic Plan Members deliberated and endorsed the 3-Year Strategic Plan for submission to the Council for approval.
2.6	CIC/RSC/P/020/21 (for endorsement)	2022 Detailed Business Plan and Budget Members deliberated and endorsed the 2022 detailed business plan and budget with key items below: (a) Handle 2,200 no. of applications for registration, renewal and update of registration particulars and 6,000 enquiries; (b) Prepare proposal of new designated trades and registration requirements; (c) Collect violations information of registered companies and take appropriate regulatory actions for established cases upon legal advice to be solicited, as if necessary; (d) Complete the transitional arrangements for Group 1 RSTCs of the eight designated trades; (e) Revamp the online registration application system for additional designated trades and registration requirements; and (f) Carry out a series of promotional activities for nurturing young leaders and enhancing professional recognition of registered companies. Members also took note the Finance Department would consolidate all budgets and work plans of committees and departments for Council’s approval with adjustment made according to the overall budgetary targets.
2.7	CIC/RSC/P/021/21 (for information)	Operation Reports on the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) (a) As of the end of May 2021, there were 1,896 RSTCs, whereas 185 were Group 2 RSTCs (February 2021: 169) and 5,732 registered subcontractors (RSs) with a total of 7,628 registered companies (February 2021: 7,504); (b) Continued the proactive liaison with the person-in-charge of remaining target Group 1 RSTCs and urged them to submit necessary information for retention of registration before

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		<p>the end of grace period by 31 March 2022. Meanwhile, the Secretariat would solicit assistance from trade associations on reminding their Group 1 RSTCs to complete the transitional arrangements as soon as possible;</p> <p>(c) More than 120 young leaders of registered companies had joined the Young Leaders Network of the RSTCS and the executive training course for leadership skills and team management was conducted on 22 May 2021; and</p> <p>(d) The webinar titled “Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme – Milestone and Foresight” under the CIC Power Talk series was conducted on 4 June 2021. The speakers, which included the Chairman of the CIC, the Chairperson of the Com-RSC, the representative from the Development Bureau; the President of the Hong Kong Construction Association, the President of the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Federation and the President of the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors, exchanged views on the foresight and professional development of the RSTCS. There were 687 industry practitioners joined the webinar.</p>
2.8	-	Any Other Business Nil.
2.9	CIC/RSC/P/022/21 - CIC/RSC/P/024/21 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing The second regulatory hearing of 2021 was conducted. A total of three registered companies were sanctioned with suspension of registration due to late payment of MPF contributions and violations of safety regulations in fatal site accidents.

Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the Com-RSC No. 002/21 can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.