

**Construction Industry Council**

Meeting No. 002/22 of the Construction Industry Council for 2022 was held on Friday, 22 April 2022 at 2:00pm via video conference (Microsoft Teams).

(The operational location was the Board Room, CIC Headquarters, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.)

Present:	Thomas HO On-sing	(TH)	Chairman
	CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
	Marvin CHEN	(MCh)	
	Jack CHENG Chin-pang	(JCCp)	
	Victor CHEUNG Chi-kong	(VC)	
	CHUNG Kwok-fai	(CKFi)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	KAN Jun	(KJ)	
	Eddie LAM Kin-wing	(ELM)	
	Clarence LEUNG Wai-kin	(CLWK)	
	Ricky LEUNG Wing-kee	(RyL)	
	Simon LIU Sing-pang	(SiL)	
	LO LEE Oi-lin	(OLLL)	
	MOW Tai-hing	(THM)	
	Derrick PANG Yat-bond	(DP)	
	Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
	Edwin TONG Ka-hung	(ETg)	
	TSE King-wa	(KWT)	
	Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
	Ken WONG Kin-wai	(KnW)	
	Andrew YOUNG Meng-cheung	(AYMC)	
	Ricky LAU Chun-kit	(PSW)	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
	Clarice YU Po-mei	(YPM)	Director of Buildings
In Attendance:	Angela LEE	(DS1)	Development Bureau
	Vera CHAN	(VCML)	Housing Department
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Daniel SUEN	(DSn)	Director – Industry Development
	Stephen MANN	(SnM)	Director – Hong Kong Institute of Construction (Acting)
	Adams CHAN	(AdC)	Chief Information Officer

	Alex HO	(AHKK)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
	Cheryl IP	(CI)	Assistant Director – Human Resources & Administration
	LEE Oi-yen	(OYL)	Assistant Director – Registration Services
	Thomas TONG	(ThT)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
	Chris LAU	(CLu)	Senior Manager – Finance
	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)
	LI Tat-wai	(LTW)	

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[The open-door session of the meeting started at 3:26pm.]

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

Members referred to Paper CIC/CMT/M/001/22 and confirmed the minutes of the open-door session of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2022 held on Friday, 25 February 2022 via video conference.

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

The Chairman invited MYP to brief Members on matters arising from the last Council Meeting No. 001/22. MYP reported as follows:

Item 1.26 In response to the Chairman's recommendation of engaging Council Members in the construction safety campaigns, the Construction Safety Department had confirmed that "Life First" would be launched again in May 2022 and the scheduled site walks with Council Members would be arranged once the COVID-19 pandemic was over.

The Chairman shared with Members the recent experience of site walks on safety and technology, in which KnH and CTN had also joined. In the three visits, they had witnessed the use of technologies in boosting capability and productivity and uplifting safety performance. They were highly impressed with the practice of dynamic risk assessment, the digitalisation of building processes (such as the block-chain technology), etc. Besides, the young construction practitioners whom they had met during the site walks were positive and energetic. In a nutshell, the Chairman and CTN opined that it was worthwhile to organise more site walks for Council Members. The Chairman announced that there would be two visits in May 2022 and he would invite Members to join.

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On the topic of efficiency improvement and productivity enhancement, MCh shared his views with Members. He believed that “removing barriers and streamlining procedures” (拆牆鬆綁、精簡程序) would help to speed up processes. In response to this comment, PSW explained that the actual circumstances of different works and projects might vary and there might be exceptional handling when there were justifications.

The Chairman supplemented that he had invited Ms. Winnie HO Wing-yin, Director of Architectural Services, to give an experience-sharing session to the CIC on either 1 or 2 June 2022. The Chairman strongly encouraged Members to participate in the session to grasp the updates on innovative building solutions, resilient building environment, etc., as well as the unique experience in completing the construction of the community isolation facilities so speedily during the 5<sup>th</sup> wave of COVID-19.

Item 1.31      The CIC Events Calendar (March – April 2022) had been emailed to Members for reference on 25 February 2022.

**2.26      Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Building Information Modelling for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/22.

AHKK, Assistant Director – Industry Development, highlighted the following items:

- around 2,000 training seats on CCBM and CCBC courses were available for enrollment in 2022 and the BIM training subsidies provided by the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund had been increased since January 2022;
- the meeting with The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited on training matters had been held on 21 April 2022;
- the BIM Harmonisation Guidelines had been published by the Government and incorporated with the CIC BIM Standards in

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the Technical Circular (Works) No. 2/2021 issued by the DEVB in December 2021. Accordingly, the policy and requirements on the adoption of BIM technology had been updated and the CIC BIM Standards had aligned with the Harmonisation Guidelines;

- the Celebration of BIM Achievement 2022, jointly organised with the DEVB, had been launched. Members were encouraged to join the Celebration and the entry deadline was 30 June 2022;
- one of the important areas of the Construction Digitalisation Roadmap was the Common Data Environment (CDE). Some KPIs on the CDE would be developed in order to drive CDE adoption in projects. Reference materials on the CDE were being prepared; and
- the Lands Department and the Buildings Department were developing the BIM related Building Plan Checking Tools on area calculation for use by both regulators and the industry.

The Chairman and JCCp shared some updates on the BIM training e.g. the promotion strategies, and the upcoming development directions e.g. the City Information Modelling, for Members' information.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/042/22 without further comments.

**2.27 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Business Development for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/22.

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

- the Updated Construction Expenditure Forecast (2021/22 – 2030/31) had been noted by the Com-CBD at its meeting held on 3 March 2022;

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- the Com-CBD would form a Task Force on Renovation, Maintenance, Addition and Alteration (RMAA) Market Study. Members were updated on the work plans and development directions of this Task Force;
- the Task Force on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity had met on 24 March 2022 to discuss the draft report of the relevant consultancy study. A stakeholder engagement session on the subject would be conducted in April 2022;
- following the set-up of the CIC Mainland Liaison Office in Guangzhou, the CIC would need to appoint a Legal Representative (法人代表). LKP would like to seek the Council's directive on the person to be appointed;
- the Security of Payment Provisions had been implemented on 31 December 2021 for tenders invited for Government projects in the categories of Group B and C contractors. Similar provisions for the tendering for other groups of contractors had been implemented on 1 April 2022. Regarding the Security of Payment Legislation, the Com-CBD would liaise with the DEVB and consolidate stakeholders' comments and opinions to facilitate the legislation; and
- the study on the ecosystem for MiC and MiMEP had commenced with the aim of facilitating the MiC and MiMEP development.

On the matter of appointing a Legal Representative for the CIC Mainland Liaison Office, with a view to identifying a most suitable person to take up the role, the Chairman tasked LKP to examine the prerequisites and any associated requirements related to the appointment. The Com-CBD should then submit a recommendation on the appointment of Legal Representative for consideration and decision by the Council.

**LKP and  
Com-CBD  
Secretariat**

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/043/22 without further comments.

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**2.28 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Construction Safety for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/22.

DP, Chairperson of the Com-CSY, highlighted the following items:

- the progress of various activities of the Task Force on Design for Safety was on track. Some engagement workshops for stakeholders would be held in April 2022;
- on the suggested amendments to the “Raising Penalties on Occupational Safety and Health Legislation”, the Com-CSY had been communicating closely with the Labour Department (LD). When the LD’s consent was obtained, the Com-CSY would disseminate the relevant details to industry stakeholders;
- a number of measures on uplifting the safety performance in truss-out bamboo scaffolding were being carried out. In particular, the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) had been engaged to strengthen the practitioners’ awareness of and compliance with the safety requirements. The Com-CSY would also look at the training aspect, the promotion plan and the continued communication with various government departments (such as the PMSA, LD and the Home Affairs Department) on truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety. DP updated Members that the LD would review the relevant Code of Practice and the Com-CSY would be increasing funding for the consultancy study on “Comparison of Bamboo Scaffolding and Metal Scaffolding”;
- for the signature event “Construction Safety Week 2022”, the focus would be on “Roles and Responsibilities”. It was hoped that a safety culture in the industry would be built up and further reinvigorated; and
- “Life First” campaign would be launched in May 2022. Video episodes by influential leaders of the industry were being produced.

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In response to the Chairman’s enquiry, DP briefed Members on their roles and expected involvement in the Construction Safety Week 2022. The Chairman also appealed to Members for their support and participation in the programme.

Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/044/22 without further comments.

**2.29 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Environment for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/22.

AHKK highlighted the following items:

- the Chairperson of the Com-ENV, Mr. Ivan FU Chin-shing, had recently met with the DEVB on the work directions of environment and sustainability. The Com-ENV, having consideration of the support of the construction industry for the Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2050, would focus on the areas of waste management and energy saving in buildings. Other related matters discussed were available in Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/22 (C224 – C225);
- in respect of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme rolled out in November 2021, the Com-ENV had relaxed the criteria for the early bird package to encourage more companies to participate in the Scheme. And, the assessor training programme would resume in April 2022;
- the Com-ENV had approved the project proposal “iBEAM Unison – Data Unification Platform to Enhance the Integrity of Environmental and Sustainability Data in Design and Construction Processes” under the CIC R&D Fund; and
- the consultancy services of the development and implementation of Smart Waste Management Plug-in by Arcadis Consultancy Hong Kong Limited would commence soon. A working group on this had been formed.



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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/045/22 without comments.

**2.30 Summary Notes of January Regulatory Hearing Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/046/22.

OYL, Assistant Director – Registration Services, highlighted the following items:

- starting from 1 April 2022, the regulatory clauses and actions towards the Registered Subcontractors had been tightened, which were similar to that of the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors;
- the Com-RSC would strengthen the supervision towards fatal incidents. The Secretariat had been collecting and consolidating views from the Com-RSC Members with regard to the measures to be taken. The Committee would keep the Council informed of the developments;
- the Com-RSC had been exploring the possibility of adding Suspended Bamboo Scaffolding as one of the new designated trades. Various trade associations and unions were being consulted on the move;
- as of the end of January 2022, the total number of registered companies was 7,840;
- two new designated trades, namely Suspended Ceiling and Tower Crane (Erecting, Dismantling and Altering Height) had been introduced on 1 April 2022. The Com-RSC anticipated that the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> designated trades would be Suspended Bamboo Scaffolding and a trade related to Drainage; and
- a new registration requirement “integrity management”, in addition to the existing five areas, had been implemented on 1 April 2022.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/046/22 without comments.

**2.31 Summary Notes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Construction Industry Training Board for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/047/22.

ELM, Chairperson of the CITB, highlighted the following items:

- concerning the training allowance for full-time courses for academic year 2022-23, Members of the CITB would further review the need of increasing the amount to attract new blood to the industry. When ready, the suggestion on training allowance would be submitted to the CITB Members by circulation;
- a briefing session had been conducted for chairpersons and members of various Course Advisory Panels on 19 April 2022 to collect their views on the course and curriculum design. The CITB noted that advisors' engagement was essential to the good development of training; and
- to improve the Intermediate Tradesman Collaborative Training Scheme, amendments, as a result of reviews, would be made to some of trades from 1 July 2022 onwards.

At this juncture, THM raised his concern about the newly imposed requirement of medical check-up on E&M/construction workers aged 65 and above for taking the CIC's Trade Tests (semi-skilled and skilled ones). He expressed that some workers were of the opinion that the requirement was too stringent to them. THM hoped that such measure could be reviewed as appropriate.

The Chairman acknowledged THM's concern. In the reply, CTN explained to Members the rationale behind the health check-up requirement. However, CTN agreed to review the matter and see if any support e.g. subsidising the cost of health check-up for the workers concerned would be provided.

**Ivan KO**

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/047/22 without further comments.

**2.32 Summary Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Construction Workers Registration Board for 2022**

Members took note of Paper CIC/CMT/P/048/22.

OYL highlighted the following items:

- at the CWRB meeting held on 16 February 2022, Members had received the update on workers' skill levels, types of works participated, registered trades and age distribution from the analysis of attendance records. They had also exchanged views on increasing manpower in the industry to cope with the large volume of works in the coming future;
- the Construction Workers Professional Development Scheme had been launched in April 2022. Amongst the incentives, a cash prize of HK\$5,000 would be awarded to registered general workers (quota: 2,000 workers) who successfully passed a trade test of designated trade and updated the qualification on their workers registration cards to become registered skilled workers from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022;
- various initiatives on workers development and welfare had been introduced in the first half of 2022;
- as of 31 December 2021, the total number of workers with valid registration was 584,304, comprising 206,411 registered skilled workers, 34,628 registered semi-skilled workers and 343,265 registered general workers;
- the tenancy of the CIC Service Centre (Nam Cheong) had been renewed with the MTR Corporation Limited; and
- a total of 1,560 construction sites and 15,342 workers registration cards had been inspected and 235 summonses had been issued in 2021.

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Members received Paper CIC/CMT/P/048/22 without comments.

**2.33 Any Other Business**

**2.33.1 The Report on TCQ (Time, Cost and Quality)  
Consultancy Study**

CTN briefly updated Members on the latest status of the consultancy study on improving TCQ performance of the Hong Kong construction industry. He said that a presentation on the draft report with recommended strategies by the responsible consultant would be arranged at the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 20 May 2022. The final report and presentation would be submitted to the Council in June 2022.

**COP**

The Chairman added that he had invited Ir John KWONG Ka-sing, Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office of the DEVB, to give the CIC a presentation on the promotion of MiC and MiMEP at the next Council meeting.

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**2.33.2 The 2022 Employment Support Scheme and  
Additional RAT Kits and Masks for the Industry**

DS1 drew Members' attention to the 2022 Employment Support Scheme (ESS). She said that subject to the availability of Scheme details, the DEVB would be organising a briefing session on the 2022 ESS for the construction industry.

Besides, DS1 said that additional free RAT kits and free masks from the Government would be provided, via the DEVB and the CIC, for use by construction workers and site personnel. The DEVB would coordinate with the CIC on the logistic arrangements in due course.

**CC and RS**

The Chairman and CTN were very grateful to the Bureau for their relentless support to the CIC and the industry.

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**2.33.3 CIC Events Calendar (May – June 2022)**

MYP briefed Members on the CIC Events Calendar of May and June 2022 with a PowerPoint presentation. The Chairman reminded Members on the experience-sharing session by the Director of Architectural Services tentatively scheduled for 1 or 2 June 2022.

**2.34 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 003/22**

The next meeting was scheduled for 17 June 2022 (Friday) at 2:00pm, the meeting venue and mode of operation would be confirmed in due course. **All to note**

There being no further business, the open-door session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.