

Construction Industry Council
Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 003/23 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 5 October 2023 (Thursday) at 3:00pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), Kowloon Bay.

Present: Derrick PANG (DP) Chairperson

Albert CHAN (AlC)
CHAN Ka-lai (KLiC)
CHAN Kim-kwong (KKCN)
Joseph CHI (JCI)
Jack CHENG (JCCp)
KONG Shui-sun (SSK)
Rico LAI (RiL)
Stephen LEUNG (SLKM)
(represented by Tony
CHAN)
Clint LO (CL)
MOW Tai-hing (THM)
Joseph WANG (JhW)
Jeffery WONG (JeW)
Alan WONG (AlW)

In Attendance : Alex HO (AHKK) Director – Industry Development
Tony LAM (TLam) Head of Safety
Ivan KO (IK) Senior Manager - Trade Testing
Tony CHAN (TCh) Housing Department (HD)
Timothy LAU (TyL) Housing Department (HD)
Wilfred SO (SWO) Hong Kong Construction Association
(HKCA)

Apologies: Moby LEUNG (MoL)
LI Tat-wai (LTW)
TSE King-wa (KWT)
Rex WONG (RWg)

MINUTES

Action

3.1 Code of Conduct for Members and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members of the Com-CSY noted the Code of Conduct for Members and declared no conflict of interest in relation to the matters discussed in the meeting.

3.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 002/23

Members of the Com-CSY noted Meeting Minutes CIC/CSY/M/002/23 and confirmed the Meeting Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2023.

3.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Agenda item 2.5 – Regarding the organisation of workshops for the reference materials on “Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry” to the industry stakeholders, the CIC Secretariat had planned to conduct the workshops by the end of 2023.

Agenda item 2.5 – A brainstorming session to discuss the feasibility of unifying certain functions of 4S was held on 22 August 2023 and a task force on 4S was proposed to be set up. Details would be discussed in agenda item 3.10 below.

Agenda item 2.8 – Regarding the Design for Safety Pilot Scheme, consultants’ tendering documents were sent to procurement department for processing and it was expected that the tendering exercise could be conducted in October 2023.

3.4 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP)

TLam briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/014/23 regarding the progress of the SSP.

The progress of the SSP was given as follows:

- (a) The Kick-off Ceremony and Conference of the Construction Safety Week (CSW) 2023 was successfully held on 28 August 2023. There were 830 industry professionals in attendance at the Conference, with an additional approximately 4,000 participants

joining through online live streaming. CSW Roving exhibition was also held at the Tsim Sha Tsui Cultural Centre Outdoor Plaza from 28 August to 31 August 2023.

- (b) A total of 313 construction sites applications were received in the “Life First Walk the Talk 2023”, with 133 of them competing “Life First Walk the Talk” 2023 Award and 35 competing for “Design for Safety” Competition.
- (c) Due to the impact of a typhoon, CSW Carnival scheduled for 3 September 2023 had been postponed to 19 November 2023 at Tai Hang East Estate Playground No.1.
- (d) The Virtual Reality (VR) safety training would be developed this year again. The SSP would formulate training themes.
- (e) The design of the construction safety mascot had been revised based on the Members’ feedback and would be further discussed for future promotion.

DP suggested incorporating more elements into the activities of the CSW to attract frontline workers and laborers to join so as to promote a safety culture, such as organising workers’ quiz competition.

AIW advised that the DEVB’s view on the use of mascot for safety promotion remained unchanged and reiterated that the effectiveness of using the construction safety mascot for promotion was doubtful. The mascot might be demonized and might not be able to bring positive impacts on the promotion of construction safety and even the construction industry.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SSP held on 18 September 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

3.5 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)

RiL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/015/23 regarding the progress of the SST.

The progress of the SST was given as follows:

- (a) As of 5 October 2023, twelve fatal accidents had been recorded by the Labour Department.
- (b) The second CIC Master Class in Safety Leadership Culture was

concluded on 22 September 2023.

- (c) For the SETC uplifting progress, the installation of “Smart Site Safety System” showcase and other new facilities was completed.
- (d) The opening ceremony of the “Experiential Learning on Site Safety 2023-2024” Training Scheme was tentatively scheduled for 5 December 2023.

DP suggested reviewing the content of the Green Card Course to enhance interactive sessions and practical training. Details could be discussed with the Labour Department (LD) later. LD welcomed establishing communication channels with the industry to review the content of the Green Card Course.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SST held on 20 September 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

3.6 Progress of Revamp the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus Safety Training Centre

IK gave a presentation on the progress of revamping the HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus (KCC) Safety Training Centre.

The progress was given as follows:

- (a) Regarding 4S training, courses for “Certificate in Smart Site Safety System (SSSS) Planning and Implementation” was held in late September 2023.
- (b) CIC Safety courses had incorporated elements of the Smart Site Safety System.
- (c) As for the lifting safety training courses, the waiting time for the A12S course had been reduced to approximately 35 days, and the waiting time for the A12 course is approximately within 3 months. The waiting time for both courses would be further reduced to within 1.5 months.
- (d) The newly launched “Construction Industry and Safety Operation Certificate” would be launched in November 2023, helping participants become construction industry safety officers.
- (e) For the Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolding Safety Training Programmes, the current registration situation was not ideal.

CIC planned to hold a seminar on truss-out bamboo scaffolding safety in late October 2023 and promote the said training program to the industry.

Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.

3.7 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues (STI)

CL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/016/23 regarding the progress of the STI.

The progress of the STI was given as follows:

- (a) For the “Consultancy Services - Development of Safety Performance Measuring Scheme for the Hong Kong Construction Industry”, Consultants had started working and had submitted a proposal.
- (b) For the frontline safety performance recording platform, the procurement process was underway, and it was expected to establish the relevant recording platform in the first quarter of 2024. The CIC Secretariat would discuss the details of platform usage with the industry in due course.
- (c) Regarding the formulation of safety standards and guidelines, preliminary discussions had been conducted in establishing a mobile elevating work platform safety reference document. Further discussions would take place in the future.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the STI held on 19 September 2023 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

3.8 Progress of the Task Force on Design for Safety (TF-DfS)

DP briefed Members on the papers CIC/CSY/P/017/23 regarding the progress of the TF-DfS.

The progress of the TF-DfS was given as follows:

- (a) The final report of phase two of the consultancy service for “Development of the Design for Safety Management System and Training Programme” was sent to Members for review and the consultants had revised the final report based on the Members’ feedback. The TF-DfS approved the final report of the phase two

and the corresponding payment.

- (b) The tendering document of consultancy service of the Design for Safety Pilot Scheme was sent to Members for review. It was expected that some projects would be selected for pilot projects by the end of this year, and consultants would be hired to assist in the implementation of the pilot projects.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-DfS held on 21 September 2023 and noted the work progress of the various tasks.

3.9 Progress of the Task Force on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds (TF-TOS)

TLam gave a presentation on the progress of the TF-TOS.

The progress of the TF-TOS was given as follows:

- (a) The term of office of the TF-TOS Members had been extended until 17 June 2025.
- (b) Regarding the promotion of truss-out bamboo scaffold safety, the CIC Secretariat had preliminarily contacted with television company to develop a promotional plan to raise the safety awareness of the public and to educate property owners of their roles and responsibilities.

Members of the Com-CSY noted the relevant work progress.

3.10 Establishment of the Task Force on Smart Site Safety System Standardisation

TLam briefed Members on the papers CIC/CSY/P/018/23 regarding “Establishment of the Task Force on Smart Site Safety System Standardisation”.

Members of the Com-CSY suggested inviting representatives from the Airport Authority Hong Kong and other relevant departments of CIC to join the Task Force.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the establishment of the Task Force on Smart Site Safety System Standardisation.

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3.11 Discussion on 2024 Business Plan and Budget

TLam presented the Members with the revised 2024 business plan, budget, and key performance indicators.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the revised content.

3.12 Any Other Business

DP mentioned that besides providing safety training for frontline personnel, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction could also consider organising safety training for management and professionals. It was emphasised that the management should have sufficient safety knowledge to enhance overall safety performance. DP also suggested evaluating project managers' safety performance to demonstrate their roles and responsibilities. Members of the Com-CSY agreed with the suggestions and agreed to discuss the details in a future meeting.

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3.13 Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 7 December 2023 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), Kowloon Bay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

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