

Construction Industry Council
Committee on Construction Safety

Meeting No. 004/24 of the Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) was held on 19 December 2024 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), Kowloon Bay.

Present:	Rex WONG	(RxW)	Chairperson
	CHAN Kam-au	(KAC)	
	Joseph CHI*	(JCI)	
	CHIU Kin-keung*	(KiKC)	
	HO Chi-ming	(CMH)	
	Danny HUNG	(CSH)	
	KONG Shui-sun	(SSK)	
	Rico LAI	(RiL)	
	Daniel LEUNG (represented by Tony CHAN)	(LHWD)	
	Moby LEUNG	(MoL)	
	Clint LO	(CL)	
	MOW Tai-hing	(THM)	
	Lawrence NG	(LN)	
	Geoffrey SHEN	(GSH)	
	TSE Wang-yu	(TWY)	
	WAN Chi-ping	(CPW)	
	Joseph WANG	(JhW)	
	Alan WONG	(AlW)	
In Attendance:	Thomas HO	(TH)	Chairman
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Alex HO	(AHKK)	Director – Industry Development
	Isaac LEE	(ILPS)	Assistant Director – Technology Application, HKIC
	CK WU	(CK)	Senior Manager - Industry Development
	Michael YEUNG	(MIY)	Manager – Safety
	Cliff LIU	(CliL)	Manager – Safety
	Eros LAM*	(ELLT)	Manager – Management Support
	Remus AU YEUNG	(RAY)	Assistant Manager - Safety Training, HKIC

Banson LAM	(BaL)	Adviser
Julia LAU	(JLMK)	Adviser
LEE Man-yiu	(LMY)	Development Bureau (DEVB)
Winne SIU	(SSM)	Housing Department (HD)

* Joined meeting via Microsoft Teams.

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4.1 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.

4.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Com-CSY Meeting No. 003/24

Members of the Com-CSY noted Meeting Minutes CIC/CSY/M/003/24 and confirmed the Meeting Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2024.

4.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Agenda Item 3.6 – Regarding the review of whether the three-year validity period of the Silver Card Safety Training Course of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) was appropriate, the HKIC responded that it would continue to review and enrich the content of the Silver Card Safety Training Course, but would not consider changing validity period of the Silver Card Certificate at this stage.

Agenda Item 3.13 – Regarding the revision of the “Reference Materials on Temporary Works Management Plan”, Members of the Subcommittee on Safety Technical Issues had discussed it at the last meeting, and they requested that the Chinese version be provided for further discussion. The CIC Secretariat would follow up accordingly.

4.4 Summary of Fatalities of Construction Industry in 2023

CPW expressed that there were 20 industrial fatal accidents in the construction industry in 2023 and briefly presented information about these accidents. The types of accidents were as follows:

- Fall of person from height – 9 cases
- Contact with electricity – 3 cases
- Trapped between objects – 2 cases
- Exposure to harmful substance – 2 cases
- Trip – 1 case
- Striking against moving object – 1 case
- Trapped by collapsing object – 1 case
- Struck by falling object – 1 case

Members of the Com-CSY noted the summary on fatalities of the Construction Industry in 2023 and discussed measures to improve OSH performance.

4.5 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Promotion (SSP)

MoL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/022/24 regarding the progress of the SSP.

The progress of the SSP was given as follows:

- (a) The “Life First Safety Sharing” activity was held on 7 December 2024. The winning organisations of the “Life First 2024” were invited to share safety knowledge and participate in the “Parent-Child Competition”.
- (b) 2025 safety promotion plan, the activities would include:
 - (1) CEO Safety Forum, “Life First 2025” safety promotion event and “Construction Safety Week 2025”
 - (2) Safety promotional videos
 - (3) “Life First Walk the Talk” webinars
- (c) The CIC APP was open to the public for download and use in October 2024. Safety functions included: severe weather reminders, heat warnings and safety message alerts, etc. Workers could also view safety publications and videos, and review safety webinars in the safety corner of the CIC APP.

CTN pointed out that more than 10,000 people had downloaded the CIC APP and he invited Members of the Com-CSY to help promote it.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SSP held on 27 November 2024 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

4.6 Progress of the Subcommittee on Safety Training (SST)

RiL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/023/24 regarding the progress of the SST.

The progress of the SST was given as follows:

- (a) The “Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces” revised by the Labor Department had officially come into effect on 30 November 2024.
- (b) The Master Class in Safety Leadership Culture was held on 8 November 2024 and Mr. James LAM, Director & General Manager of DRiLTECH Ground Engineering Limited, was the guest speaker.
- (c) The opening ceremony of the “Experiential Learning on Site Safety 2024-2025” Training Scheme was held on 11 December 2024.
- (d) Regarding the Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolding Safety Training Programmes, more than 1,400 workers had enrolled. The passing rate was about 66%.

ILPS indicated that HKIC would discuss the content of the mobile elevating platform training course with representatives of the Airport Authority Hong Kong and the industry stakeholders, and a course roadmap was expected to be drawn up within one month. RxW suggested the SST to follow up on the above course content.

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Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the SST held on 27 November 2024 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

4.7 Progress of Revamp HKIC - Kwai Chung Campus (KCC) Safety Training Centre

ILPS gave a presentation on the progress of revamping HKIC - KCC Safety Training Centre.

The progress was given by HKIC as follows:

- (a) The waiting time for lessons for “A12S Silver Card Course on Construction Materials Rigger and Signalman” (A12S Course) had been shortened to approximately 0.25 month.
- (b) In conjunction with the launching the Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme (the Scheme), the HKIC would provide retraining for frontline staff whose safety performance is not satisfactory, in order to enhance their safety awareness.

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

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

CL briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/024/24 regarding the progress of the STI.

The progress of the STI was given as follows:

- (a) For the Frontline Personnel Safety Performance Recording Scheme (the Scheme), individual consultation meetings with industry stakeholders were held in October to December 2024 for soliciting support from them.
- (b) For the “Standard and Guide on Working in Confined Space” reference materials, comments from the industry were addressed and the reference materials had been updated. The reference materials were planned to be published after the application workshop to be conducted.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the STI held on 29 November 2024 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

4.9 Progress of the Working Group on Survey on Safety Awareness (WG-SSA)

CSH briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/025/24 regarding the progress of the WG-SSA.

- (a) For the survey on safety awareness, the data collection, including online survey for stakeholders and on-site visit survey for frontline supervisors and workers was completed in early November 2024. A total of 2,157 responses were received, including 514 responses from stakeholders as well as 1,643 responses from frontline

supervisors and workers.

- (b) The consultancy (Arcadis) reported the data analysis and recommendations of the survey.
- (c) The recommended strategies are:
 - (1) Short-term actions (Boost security awareness)
 - Establish a reward and record-keeping system
 - Strengthen training attitudes, beliefs and demonstrations
 - Promote the adoption of adoption of Smart Site Safety System (4S) and innovative technologies
 - Encourage participation of all
 - (2) Ongoing actions (Foster healthy construction safety culture)
 - Demonstrate management commitment, support and leading from the front
 - Enhance publicity, education and promotion
 - Update safety management standards, systems and manuals on a regular basis

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the WG-SSA held on 29 November 2024 and noted the briefing of the meeting held on 19 December 2024.

4.10 Progress of the Task Force on Smart Site Safety System Standardisation (TF-4SS)

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/026/24 regarding the progress of the TF-4SS.

The progress of the TF-4SS was given as follows:

- (a) For the development of the Application Programming Interface (API) for Central Management Platform (CMP), a tendering process was ongoing, and the development work was expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2025.
- (b) For the 4S Labelling Scheme, as of 11 December 2024, 386 projects were awarded the labels.

Members of the Com-CSY approved the summary notes of the meeting of the TF-4SS held on 24 September 2024 and noted the work progress of various tasks.

4.11 Progress of the Task Force on Construction Scaffolding Materials (TF-CSM)

The CIC Secretariat gave a presentation on the progress of the TF-CSM.

- (a) A site visit and the 3rd meeting were conducted on 16 December 2024. Gammon Construction Limited shared their experience and operational concerns on the application of metal scaffoldings. The Housing Department also shared their experience of the transition from using bamboo scaffoldings to metal scaffoldings.
- (b) Members had initially discussed the roadmap for expanding the application of metal scaffolding but more statistic data including the existing number of metal scaffolders and the coming amount of construction works were needed for discussion.

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

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

The CIC Secretariat gave a presentation on the progress of the TF-DfS.

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

- (a) For the 1st phase of the Design for Safety (DfS) Pilot Run (the Pilot Run), the 2nd round consultation meetings with the clients of participating projects commenced in November 2024. Aurecon, the Consultant, had provided comments on the DfS documents submitted by the participants to facilitate the proper adoption of DfS management system in their projects.
- (b) The 2nd phase of the Pilot Run was undergoing the tendering process, and it was expected that consultants would be available in the first quarter of 2025.

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

4.13 Tentative Meeting Schedule for Year 2025

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members on the paper CIC/CSY/P/027/24 regarding the tentative meeting schedule for Year 2025.

Members noted the tentative meeting schedule for Year 2025.

4.14 Any Other Business

(a) Progress of Key Performance Indicators 2024

The CIC Secretariat briefed Members of the Com-CSY that ten KPIs were completed according to the business plan.

4.15 Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 27 March 2025 (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 4:30pm.

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