

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Construction Procurement**

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Meeting No. 001/19 of the Committee on Construction Procurement was held on 6 March 2019 (Wednesday) at 3:30pm at Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Present	:	Stephen LAI Yuk-fai	(SLI)	Chairperson
		CHAN Yuk-wah	(CnYW)	Representing HO Ying-kit of Development Bureau
		WONG Mung-wan	(MWW)	Asst Dir (Dev & Procurement)
		Dick KWOK	(DkK)	Chairperson of Task Force on RMAA Procurement
		Robert LAM	(PHL)	Chairperson of Task Force on Selection of Contractors
		Ricky LEUNG	(RyL)	Chairperson of Task Force on Reasonable Construction Period
		Raymond AU	(RA)	
		CHAN Chi-chiu	(CCC)	
		CHAN Kim-kwong	(KKCN)	
		CHOW Ping-wai	(CPW)	
		Rita CHUNG Fung-hing	(RC)	
		Danny HUNG Cheung-shew	(CSH)	
		Rocky POON Lock-kee	(LKP)	
		Simon WONG Hin-wing	(SWHW)	
	Eliza WONG Yeuk-lan	(EWYL)		
In attendance	:	Richard PANG	(RPg)	Director – Industry Development
		Stephen HO	(SnH)	Assistant Director – Industry Development
		Rocky CHO	(RYC)	Senior Manager–Construction Procurement
		Parco LAU	(PLU)	Manager–Construction Procurement
		Timothy LEUNG	(TLG)	Manager–Modular Integrated Construction
		Christopher CHEUNG	(PHC)	Senior Officer–Construction Procurement
Apologies	:	HO Ying-kit	(HYK)	Prin AS (Works) 4

**CIC/CPT/M/001/19**  
**(for information)**

Ivan FU Chin-shing

(FI)

Chairperson of Task Force on  
Flat Inspection

**Minutes**

**Action**

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 004/18**

Members took note of the paper CIC/CPT/M/004/18 and confirmed the minutes of the last meeting with no further comments.

**1.2 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

Members noted that there were no matters arising from the last meeting.

**1.3 Experience Sharing on the MiC Pilot Project – Student Residences at Wong Chuk Hang Site by the Estate Office of the University of Hong Kong**

[Dr Louis CHU from the University of Hong Kong, RPg and TLG from CIC joined the meeting at this juncture.]

Dr Louis CHU, Assistant Director of Estates in the University of Hong Kong (HKU), shared the experience of the MiC Pilot Project – Student Residence at Wong Chuk Hang Site. He first briefed about the basic information of the project that the towers of student residences would provide 1224 student places and most of the floors would adopt MiC, with the exception of the common areas.

At the initial tender for the project, HKU required the contractors to adopt MiC systems pre-approved by the Buildings Department. As there were limited suppliers with pre-approval, the tender prices were very high. To cope with the situation, HKU collected views from the industry and thus improved the tendering method by relaxing the pre-approval requirement at the tendering stage, so that contractors would have more MiC solution options at the tendering stage. In the end, 6 more contractors submitted their tender documents.

CPW enquired how much construction time would be saved if the project adopted MiC, instead of the traditional method. Dr Louis CHU responded that the project would see completion 1 year earlier than traditional method if MiC was adopted for this project.

LKP enquired whether the manpower required on the construction site would reduce if MiC was adopted. Dr Louis CHU responded that the on-site manpower would definitely decrease, while the

detailed data of manpower would be shared after practical experience was gained.

PHL reminded that MiC construction projects were different from the traditional ones. If MiC would be adopted in the future, owners should provide sufficient time and space for the design consultants.

Dr Louis CHU stated that HKU made reference to the experience of other countries. They would engage consultants to supervise the works at the MiC manufacturer and sites, and would monitor the operation of the MiC assembly line and production line.

[Dr Louis CHU from HKU, RPg and TLG from CIC left the meeting at this juncture.]

#### **1.4 New Recruitment of Assistant Manager – Construction Procurement**

SnH briefed Members on the Paper CIC/CPT/P/002/19, seeking Members' approval of the recruitment of an additional Assistant Manager - Construction Procurement, for the Construction Procurement Department. He explained that the new assistant manager was suggested to be engaged in order to maintain the standard of the secretariat service provided by the Construction Procurement Department to Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups and to cope with the increasing number of new initiatives.

After deliberation, Members approved the Paper.

#### **1.5 Task Force on RMAA Procurement**

DkK updated Members on the latest progress.

Regarding the research study on Factors Affecting Contractors in Hong Kong Participating in Repair, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Sector, the Task Force had engaged Arcadis Consultancy Hong Kong Limited to conduct the research, and collected views on the industry questionnaire from members of the Committee on Construction Procurement and its Task Force. In light of comments received from the pilot interviews, the questionnaire was revised accordingly. Arcadis would proceed to conduct interviews with industry stakeholders. In addition, the consultant

also suggested increasing the number of interviewees to 1180, in order to enhance the accuracy of data.

The final report was expected to be completed in October. Arcadis would propose different strategies in the report for the government, the industry and the public, along with promotional measures to improve the participation of contractors in RMAA Sector.

[LKP left the meeting at this juncture.]

#### **1.6 Task Force on Reasonable Construction Period**

RyL updated Members on the latest progress.

The Task Force focused on researching the reasonable construction period of the superstructure phase and had met various members of the academia for initial discussions on research proposal. The Secretariat would draft the scope of the consultancy study and engage consultants to conduct the study. Members of the Hong Kong Construction Association would be invited to support the research. Moreover, the Secretariat would attempt to obtain more project data through various means for research purposes.

#### **1.7 Working Group on Flat Inspection**

SnH updated Members on the latest progress.

The Working Group would invite professionals to demonstrate the general flat inspection procedure in a video. The practices shown in the video were not statutory procedure, but for public reference only. The Task Force expected to officially engage a media production company in March to produce the video.

Regarding the use of residential flats for film shooting, SnH made an appeal to members for providing the flats. EWYL stated that she could try to seek the assistance from the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong once again.

#### **1.8 Task Force on Selection of Contractors**

PHL updated Members on the latest progress.

The Task Force Chairman met with several professionals over the past few months, enquiring about the possible enhancement to the reference materials.

After the discussion of the Task Force, it was purposed to engage Sr Kenneth POON, who was experienced in procurement and quantity surveying, to edit and enhance the Reference Materials, and to provide sufficient time for him to peruse the Reference Materials and discuss with major stakeholders.. Members noted and approved the sole engagement of Sr Kenneth POON to improve the Reference Materials.

### **1.9 Any Other Business**

- (a) RYC reported that the Management Committee of Subcontractor Registration Scheme and the Task Force on Enhancements to Subcontractor Registration Scheme under the Committee on Construction Procurement would be transferred to the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme, and the matters of the Committee and the Task Force would not be reported on the meeting of the Committee on Construction Procurement hereafter.

SnH also invited Members to join the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme Launching Ceremony to be held at the Construction Innovation & Technology Application Centre on 25 March.

- (b) RYC reported that an application for funding under the CIC Research Fund concerning procurement had been received. The subject of the research was the development of an online trading platform for reselling surplus construction materials. After discussion, Members agreed that the utilisation rate of such platform would be low, and it was difficult to control the quality of the surplus construction materials. Therefore, it was not recommended to approve the funding application.
- (c) RYC reported that CIC would issue the “Quality Alert – Construction Quality Supervision” to remind industry practitioners to observe proper supervision practices. The Institution and the Association are suggested to distribute the Quality Alert to their members.

In addition, SnH stated that CIC also placed great importance on the construction quality of the industry. As a result, the Task Force on Construction Industry Site Supervision Practice under CIC would undertake a new research on how to improve construction quality.

- (d) SnH briefed about that events organised by CIC and appealed to Members for their support in participating in the events:
- (i) CIC BIM Competition had begun, and SnH encouraged the industry to register for the event;
  - (ii) CIC Construction Luncheon would be held on 2 April 2019, with Mr SHIH Wing-ching being the officiating guest;
  - (iii) DfMA Alliance Launching Ceremony & CITAC Technical Conference would be held from 18 to 19 March 2019;
  - (iv) NEC Sharing Forum would be held in April 2019; and
  - (v) Conference on informatisation – Driving site supervision with digitalisation would be held in April 2019

- (e) CnYW briefed Members that the Development Bureau would co-organise a NEC Seminar in the United Kingdom with the Institution of Civil Engineers in June 2019, and Mr LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), would attend the event. Outstanding NEC projects would be commended at the seminar. The Committee on Construction Procurement would organise a study tour to participate in the seminar and to observe the innovative technology of construction quality supervision.

[Post-meeting note: The London study tour was tentatively scheduled from 13 to 18 June 2019. The Secretariat would issue an invitation for Expressions of Interest from Members of the Committee on Construction Procurement in late March to seek their intention of the field trip.]

### **1.10 Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 20 June 2019 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, CIC Headquarters, 38/F, COS Centre, 56 Chun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. **All to note**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

**CIC Secretariat**  
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