

**Construction Industry Council
Construction Workers Registration Board**

Meeting No. 003/15 of the Construction Workers Registration Board was held on Wednesday, 29 July 2015 at 3pm at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Summary notes of the Construction Workers Registration Board Meeting No. 003/15:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
3.3	CIC/CRB/M/002/15	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> The revised minutes of the 2nd meeting of CWRB for 2015 were confirmed.</p>
3.5.1 & 3.5.2		<p><u>Resolutions Passed by the Board via E-mail Circulation</u> The Board approved on 24 June via e-mail circulation: 1) set up an outreach team to promote “Senior Workers Registration Arrangement” and trade test on construction sites; and 2) establishment of a new CIC Service Centre in Tsing Yi.</p>
3.6.1	CIC/CRB/P/020/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Construction Workers Registration Board 2016 Budget</u> Members endorsed the 2016 budget and 2015 revised budget.</p>
3.6.2	CIC/CRB/P/021/15 (Progress Report and for Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 30 June 2015, a total of 2,570 people registered as skilled workers through simplified specified training courses. • A total of 6,875 applications were received through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement from January and June 2015. As of 15 July 2015, a total of 6,327 people applied for registration through such arrangement. • The Sub-committee accepted the “Renovation and Decoration Industry Union” as one of the recognized trade unions to verify and endorse the work experience of senior workers. All newly joined trade unions will undergo a six-month probationary period. • Starting from August 2015, HKCIEGU, CSWGU and EMF would be given extra subsidy respectively for hiring an additional staff to handle the applications arising from senior workers registration arrangement.
3.6.3	CIC/CRB/P/022/15 (Progress Report and for Resolution)	<p><u>Task Force on Construction Workers Registration System</u> A total of 13 principal contractors take part in the pilot test to be conducted on 20 construction sites from 23 July to 26 October. Opinions from workers using the new registration system and registration cards would also be collected.</p>

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3.6.4	CIC/CRB/P/023/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Task Force on Data Analysis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5th telephone survey (from March to May 2015) was completed with 9,366 interviews conducted. • Out of approximately 310,000 registered workers (with stable increment of approximately 5%) as of 30 April 2015, about 240,000 registered workers were engaged in the construction industry (truck drivers and workers carrying out non-construction works were excluded).
3.6.5	CIC/CRB/P/024/15 (For Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat was consulting members of the Sub-committee and seeking legal advice on the revised “Administrative Guidelines on the Applicability of the Registration Requirements to Professional and Technical Personnel”. • The first round of on-site trial of reasonable measures was completed in June. Majority of contractors adopted the specified form and label as reasonable measures for “Instruction and Supervision” and the specified form for “Exempted Works”. To ensure the next trial could be implemented effectively, the Secretariat would work on standardising the sample of notice board and label in terms of the colour, short description and code of trades for easy identification. • With average 40% success rate, the results of the second round of trial of the outreach renewal service were satisfactory.
3.6.6	CIC/CRB/P/025/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Task Force on the Promotion of Remaining Phase of Prohibition of CWRO</u></p> <p>Members took note of a series of promotions, including a new TV advertisement promoting trade tests has been on air from 1 August 2015 and a number of full page advertisements would be placed in Headline in September to promote “designated workers for designated skills”.</p>
3.6.7	CIC/CRB/P/026/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Workers Registration Offices</u></p> <p>As of end of June, WRO had processed about 60 % of the application for registration renewal in 2015.</p>
3.6.8	CIC/CRB/P/027/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Inspection and Enforcement</u></p> <p>Currently under investigation, a new case involving a non-registered worker carrying out construction work on a construction site was identified in the last 2 years.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed by the Construction Workers Registration Board can be made available to Council Members from the Workers Registration Secretariat upon request.