

Construction Industry Council

Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 007/13 of the Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) was held on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 4pm at Meeting Room 1, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of Construction Workers Registration Board (CWRB) Meeting No. 007/13:

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		Ir Dr Jackson Lau and Ir Chan Chi-ming were nominated to be the members of CWRB to replace Ir Joseph Lee and Ir Enoch Lam. The nominations would be submitted for approval at the Council meeting on 6 December 2013.
7.1	CIC/CRB/M/006/13	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> Members confirmed the revised minutes of the 6 th meeting of CWRB for 2013.
7.2	CIC/CRB/P/061/13 (for Resolution)	<u>Matters Arising from the Last Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nomination of Ir Wong Hon-ping to replace Ir Joseph Lee as member of Qualifications Board for a term from 26 November 2013 to 31 December 2014 was approved.• Agreed by Chairman, staff of WROs would assist in distributing the lung check-up leaflet to workers applying for registration or renewal at WROs. The arrangement would be reviewed three months after the implementation.
7.3.1	CIC/CRB/P/062/13 (for Resolution)	<u>Scholarships for the Family Members of Registered Construction Workers 2014</u> CWRB approved the two recommendations on 29 Nov 2013, including the proposed budget of 2014 Scholarships and the total number of awards would be increased to 20 (the numbers of Outstanding Awards and Merit Awards would be increased to 8 and 9 respectively. Other awards would remain unchanged).
7.3.2	CIC/CRB/P/063/13 (for Discussion)	<u>Review of Workers Registration Renewal Service Provided by Trade Unions</u> Approved by CWRB, the registration renewal service provided by HKCIEGU, EMF and CSWGU would be continued in accordance with the agreement signed in November 2012. Chairman requested CITB Secretariat to explore the feasibility of immediate issuance of

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		workers registration card on the same day applying for registration.
7.3.3	CIC/CRB/P/073/13 (for Resolution)	<p data-bbox="714 233 2056 308"><u>Enhancement of the Term of Reference of the Sub-committee of Specified Training Courses</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 316 2056 491">Workers Registration Secretariat and Development Bureau would later on discuss the enhancement of terms of reference of the Sub-committee of Specified Training Courses. The sub-committee would immediately discuss the mechanism to verify the qualifications of Group 1 and Group 2 Senior Workers.</p>
7.4.1	CIC/CRB/P/064/13 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 509 2056 544"><u>Construction Workers Registration Board 2013 Revised Budget and 2014 Annual Budget</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 552 2056 627">Member noted CWRB 2013 revised budget and 2014 annual budget. The short-term contracts (6 months) were offered to 20 temporary staff of WRO on 28 November 2013.</p>
7.4.2	CIC/CRB/P/065/13 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 647 1608 683"><u>Update on CIC Service Centre at MTR Nam Cheong Station</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 691 2056 750">CWRB members were invited to attend the opening ceremony of the CIC Service Centre in the afternoon of 23 January 2014.</p>
7.4.3	CIC/CRB/P/066/13 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 770 1597 805"><u>Arrangement of the Newly Developed Card Reading Device</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 813 2056 959">LSCM had completed the standard card reader and the operation of its security system that could be used in the CWRS, which was being developed by CIC. IT would explore the possibility of increasing the records of attendance in workers registration card in response to industry need.</p>
7.4.4	CIC/CRB/P/067/13 (for Discussion and Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 971 1279 1007"><u>Workers Registration Offices (WROs)</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 1015 2056 1106">WROs would not provide registration services on festivals and Sundays before and after holidays in 2014.</p>
7.4.5	CIC/CRB/P/068/13 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 1131 1447 1166"><u>Construction Workers Qualifications Board (QB)</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 1174 2056 1358">QB confirmed the qualification of skilled worker registration of “Painter and Decorator”, “Plumber” and “Plasterer” of 11 expired skilled workers (provisional) upon their completion of simplified specified training courses. It was suggested that the courses of 67 trades for around 6,000 - 7,000 workers would be launched in phases and trades.</p>
7.4.6	CIC/CRB/P/069/13 (Progress Report)	<p data-bbox="714 1374 1137 1409"><u>Inspection and Enforcement</u></p> <p data-bbox="714 1417 1709 1452">Members had no comment on the report of inspection and enforcement.</p>

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7.4.7	CIC/CRB/P/070/13 (for Discussion and Progress Report)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Specified Training Courses</u></p> <p>CITB Secretariat would seek approval at its meeting on 10 December 2013 for organising courses for 67 trades, HK\$150 course fee and the provision of translation service to ethnic minority workers.</p>
7.4.8	CIC/CRB/P/071/13 (for Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested to separate “Electrical Fitter” as additional trade and submit the new job description to the law drafting division of DoJ for consideration. • The proposition to add the trade “Tree Worker” would be further discussed. • Semi-skilled registrations of “Asphalter (Waterproofing) (Adhesive-type Felt)” and “Asphalter (Waterproofing) (Liquid Membrane)” as well as Demolition Workers (Building) and Demolition Worker (Unauthorised Building Works) would not be added. • Suggested to add semi-skilled registration of “Asphalter (Waterproofing) (Burn-type Felt)”, “Cable Jointer (Power) (Low Voltage)” with trade tests as well as the trade test for “Overhead Linesman”. • Semi-skilled registration and trade test for “Cable Jointer (Power)” would not be added at the present time.
7.4.9	CIC/CRB/P/072/13 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Task Force on Data Analysis</u></p> <p>The task force aimed to shorten the submission of data analysis report to two months or once a month in order to provide the industry with real-time data.</p>
7.4.10		<p><u>Progress Report of the Construction Workers Registration System</u></p> <p>Members noted the following milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system would be developed from November 2012 to March 2014; • User acceptance test would be carried out in April to July 2014; and • The new system would be launched in July 2014.

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