

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Construction Business Development

Meeting No. 001/24 of the Committee on Construction Business Development (Com-CBD) was held on Friday, 15 March 2024 at 3:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of the Com-CBD Meeting No. 001/24:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/CBDML/M/004/23	Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting No. 004/23 Members took note of the Paper CIC/CBDML/M/004/23 and confirmed the Minutes of Meeting No. 004/23 held on Friday, 1 December 2023.
1.2	CIC/CBDML/M/004/23	Matters Arising from the Last Meeting (a) Item 4.2(b): Update on the current state of readiness for RMAA contractors effectively manage term contract adopting New Engineering Contract (“NEC”). The Development Bureau (“DEVB”) advised that the adoption of NEC for term contract will proceed step by step. The CIC will collaborate with the DEVB to provide necessary training timely. (b) Item 4.8: Summary table of the follow-up actions for recommendations of the report of the study on strategic review for uplifting construction capacity was sent to Members for reference together with the meeting documents. (c) Item 4.10(b): Update on the resumption of brownfield sites. Referring to the land resumption for the remaining phase development of Kwu Tung North / Fanling North New Development Area in the government’s press release on 11 January 2024, the CIC has emailed to the DEVB

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		<p>requesting for comprehensive information about the affected business operators in the construction industry. In the reply by the Lands Department (“LandsD”), it was noted that letters with departure dates had been sent to business operators in 2022. A multi-disciplinary team to enhance support for business operators was established by the DEVB, and LandsD will maintain communication with them and provide updated information when necessary.</p> <p>The CIC also requested industry associations to assist in consulting their members to collect information on the magnitude of impact and the updated status for land resumption. No reply has been received.</p> <p>(d) Item 4.10(f): Brainstorming safety workshop of the Com-CBD was held on 15 January 2024 and the proposed actions after the Council brainstorming meeting on 26 January 2024 were reported under item 1.8(c).</p>
1.3	--	<p>CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2024</p> <p>Members were briefed regarding an update on various aspects of the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award (OCA) 2024. This included information on the date, venue, categories, awards, judging panel, judging criteria, supporting organisations and promotion. The launching ceremony of the OCA 2024 was held on 6 March 2024 at the Multi-purpose Hall of the CIC-Zero Carbon Park. Members acknowledged the updates on the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2024.</p>
1.4	--	<p>Progress Update on Task Force on Greater Bay Area</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress update of the Task Force. The GBA team had conducted eight visits from January up to March this year, including visits to training institutions at GBA with representatives of the DEVB.</p>

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		<p>The 2024 Major Work Plans of the Committee on Mainland Affairs in three main sections: technology exchange, business matching and strengthening ties with GBA were reported.</p> <p>Additionally, the forthcoming event “The Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum” will be held on 26 – 27 March 2024 in Guangzhou. The Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for cooperation with the training institutions in the GBA on training is scheduled to be signed during the Forum.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the updates on Task Force on Greater Bay Area.</p>
1.5	--	<p>Progress Update on Task Force on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress update of the Task Force. The Review Report was approved in principle on 18 December 2023.</p> <p>Totally 21 one-on-one stakeholder interviews were held between January and March 2024 for various parties including client bodies, main contractors, sub-contractors, consultants and professional institutions. The Summary Report will be submitted by 17 March 2024.</p> <p>The study is scheduled to deliver the draft report in May 2024, complete the stakeholder engagement in July 2024, get ready the final report in August 2024 and target to complete in October 2024.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the updates on Task Force on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms.</p>

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1.6	--	<p>Progress Update on the Follow-up Actions for Recommendations of the Report of Study on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress update on the follow-up actions for recommendations of the report of study on strategic review for uplifting construction capacity. The follow-up actions have been reviewed and collaborated with the CIC Industry Development (“ID”) departments, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (“HKIC”) and the School of Professional Development in Construction (“SPDC”) under the HKIC. The updated action plan for 2024 in dealing with all 16 initiatives together with the status was reported.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the updates on the subject matter.</p>
1.7	--	<p>Progress Update on 2024 Major KPIs</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress of 2024 Major KPIs. The progress of the major KPIs was on track.</p>
1.8	--	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>(a) Update on Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL)</p> <p>Members were briefed on the latest development of SOPL. The task force meeting of SOPL was held on 1 March 2024. The major updates on the SOP Bill, the details regarding the admission of adjudicators and the nomination / appointment of adjudicators were delivered.</p> <p>(b) Wider Implementation of e-Tendering System (Works Contract)</p> <p>Members were briefed on the wider implementation of e-tendering system in the works contract. The timeline and the prerequisites for an e-tendering system account and organisational e-certificate were detailed.</p>

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		<p>(c) Safety Brainstorming Session – Proposed Measures to Enhance Construction Safety Members were briefed on the proposed actions after the brainstorming session of the Council on 26 January 2024, which aimed at enhancing construction safety from the Com-CBD’s perspective.</p> <p>(d) Vote of Thanks The CIC Executive Director has given the profound gratitude to the Chairperson of the Com-CBD, Ir Rocky POON, for his exceptional dedication and remarkable contributions to the Committee. Additionally, the appreciation also given to Committee Members, Mr. CHAN Kim-kwong and Mr. Simon WONG, for their devoted services and valuable contributions to the Committee.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Business Development and the full minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.