

Construction Industry Council
Construction Workers Registration Board

Meeting No. 001/16 of the Construction Workers Registration Board was held on Wednesday, 26 January 2016 at 3:30pm 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. 001/16:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/CRB/M/004/15	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the 4 th meeting of CWRB for 2015 were confirmed.
1.3.1	CIC/CRB/P/001/16 (Progress Report)	<u>Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of 31 December 2015, a total of 2,616 people registered as skilled workers through simplified specified training courses.• A total of 18,894 applications were received through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement from 1 January to 31 December 2015, of which 16,617 applications were completed. The number had met the Board's target with an average of over 2,000 applications received each month.
1.3.2	CIC/CRB/P/002/16 (Progress Report)	<u>Task Force on Construction Workers Registration System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since the launch of the 1st phase of CWRS from 18 December 2015 to 15 January 2016, 4 contractors had adopted the new system and the number was expected to increase to 47 by the end of January.• The technical issues identified in the 2nd phase of the on-site pilot test were being addressed by IT Department, including the technical problems raised in the letter issued by HKCA.• The Task Force would continue the implementation of CWRS according to the schedule as planned. Nonetheless, it was not a mandatory requirement for the contractors to adopt the new system by September 2016 depending on the actual operation of the CWRS on sites and the readiness of contractors .• In response to members' concern, Chairman proposed and agreed by the board to hire a person who had experience in system development and project coordination to take up the position as project owner from April this year. The person would be offered a one-year contract.

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1.3.3	CIC/CRB/P/003/16 (for Resolution)	<p><u>Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to expand the composition of the Working Group on Reasonable Measures by adding 2 additional members from HKCA, 1 member from HKGBCA and RMCSA respectively as well as inviting nominations from HKCSA, CASA and HKRCA. • The “Instruction and Supervision” label could be produced by the Council if required in an attempt to reduce the cost of performing reasonable measures by the contractors and to create a unified design for the label. • Since Schedule 1 of CWRO does not cover pile works of mini pile, socketed H-pile and pipe pile, workers engaged in such trades are simply required to register as general workers. • It was approved that registered construction plant mechanics can carry out works of temporary water systems and welding for repairing and maintaining building and civil engineering plants and machinery if the work is correspond to the description of skills of Construction Plant Mechanic, i.e. maintaining and repairing building and civil engineering plants and machinery. • It was inappropriate to set a distance limit and a ratio for workers carrying out designated skill work under instruction and supervision of a relevant skill-registered worker. However, it is recommended to provide reasonable standards in the guidelines for industry reference.
1.3.5	CIC/CRB/P/005/16 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Workers Registration Offices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A record of about 1,700 people visited the new CIC Service Centre in Tsing Yi since its establishment on 4 January 2016. • By the end of December 2015, the outreach team visited 28 construction sites and collected 3,444 copies of applications for various services, of which 2,862 copies were applying for skilled workers through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement. • WRO would strengthen the promotion targeting the trade divisions with relatively small numbers of application for registered skilled and semi-skilled workers.
1.3.6	CIC/CRB/P/006/15 (Progress Report)	<p><u>Inspection and Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inspection team had achieved the targets set for 2015 with 1,502 construction sites and 15,192 workers registration cards were inspected respectively. The new targets set for 2016 would be 1,250 construction sites and 12,500 registration cards. • 8 summons were issued in 2015 and a trial case would proceed to hearing in February 2016. • A total of 1,596 workers at 50 construction sites were inspected during the trial run from April to December 2015.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWRB endorsed and authorized Inspector Philip Wong to act as prosecutors as stipulated under Clause 60(b) of Construction Workers Registration Ordinance. Final approval must be sought from the Council.

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.